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OUTLINES.

The official investigation of the wreck on the Southern Railway in which President Samuel Spencer and six others were killed on Thanksgiving day, at Lawyer's, Va., has fixed the responsibility on G. D. Mattox, the block operator at Rangoon; he violated three rules, any one of which would have saved the ill-fated train——President Roosevelt yesterday sent a message to Congress urging that the public land laws should be recast as they enable the corporations to get hold of the public timber lands.——President Roosevelt yesterday sent a message to Congress on the Panama Canal, a new departure being illustrations of what he saw during his visit to the Isthmus; he also sent a message urging Congress to change the laws regulating the Navy so as to put young men in charge of first class fighting machines instead of the old admirals and commanders.——The coal famine in the freezing Northwest, said to be due to the car shortage, is blamed by the railroads on coal dealers who fail to lay in the proper supplies in time. ——The Hamburg-American tourist steamer Princess Victoria Luise went ashore off Port Royal, S. C., Sunday night; the captain committed suicide. ——Former Attorney General W. H. Moody was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court yesterday.——New York markets: Money on call strong 7 to 20 per cent, ruling rate 11, closing bid and offered at 20; spot cotton steady 10.-55; flour steady but quiet; wheat steady, No. 2 red 78 1-2 elevator; corn steady, No. 2 unchanged; oats steady, mixed 35 to 35 1-2; turpentine steady 70 to 70 1-2; rosin steady.

First thing you know the Bellamy Storer incident will suggest to some dramatic author the production of a stage piece entitled "Too Much Wife."

If we expect to hold on to colonies and compete for the world's commerce—and it appears that we are—there is no use to take the negative side of the Big Stick query.

Some people never good at remembering names would be terribly embarrassed in attempting to introduce the new violinist, Mr. Zoltan de Takach Gyongyoshasaszy.

Congress will probably have to wait a long time if it expects to receive the warm thanks of Vice President Fairbanks for increasing his salary $4,000 a year.

Even Secretary Shaw is asking Congress for more power. This shows that he has sufficient respect for Congress to make the request without going ahead on his own hook.

President Roosevelt may slap you on the back and call you bully boy with the glass eye today but in a short while he may tie you to his bunch of liars and scoundrels.

When Count Boni de Castellane tried to make a speech in the French Chamber of Deputies, a large number of Deputies left the Chamger. They evidently looked upon Boni as the Reed Smoot of the Chamber of Deputies.

There is said to be little prospect of currency reform legislation at this session of Congress. President Roosevelt and Secretary Shaw tell Congress that there should be some legislation in behalf of an elastic currency but Congress knew that before without knowing exactly how the thing is to be done.

A contemporary mentions that in Texas a man was captured, tried and hanged in the space of two hours. Of course, the purpose in mentioning this incident is to show how quick a man can see his finish, but even that Texas record of a man's going down and out has been broken. In Indiana a man met, wooed and wedded a girl all in one hour—a kind of life term for him, so to speak.

A Washington dispatch says: "As a result of informal conferrences between Southern Congressmen there is now an evident growth of opinion against any action designed to penalize those ginners who refuse to make known the precise number of bales of cotton they have ginned." We should say so. However desirable a correct report from the ginners may be, such an act of Congress would severely test the elasticity of the constitution—even the interstate commerce clause.

ANN[illegible] TAX REPORT

Statement of Corporation Commission For Transmission to the General Assembly.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

Values Show Steady Increase Each Year—Wilmington Sixth City in State as to Indebtedness and Second in Values.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The annual report of the North Carolina Corporation Commission as a board of State tax commissioners was transmitted to Gov. Glenn to-day to be in turn transmitted to the General Assembly which convenes January 9. The report shows that the total assessed valuation of all property in the State for 1905 was $461,520,668, against $442,598,221 for 1904. This is an increase of $15,922,446 over the valuation for 1904. For 1905 281,076 polls were listed against 276,459 in 1904. Incomes listed for taxation amounted to $2,798,895 against $2,454,504 in 1904. The total tax levy for 1905 was $3,483,829, and of this amount $65,156 was uncollected. This was the levy for State purposes. The total levy for the State, county and municipal purposes was $4,436,740.

The Commission directs attention to the fact that the total assessment of property in the State has grown since 1901 when the Commission was established from $300,709,300 to $461,520,668, an increase of $160,811,368.

Therefore the Commission believes great progress has been made, but declares that there is still great inequality in assesments in different counties and even in different townships of the same county.

The report of the Commission shows that Mecklenberg county has the largest valuation of property, $18,627,848. Wake is second and Durham third with New Hanover seventh with $11,778,530. In valuations of town property Durham is first with $12,151,127 and Wilmington second with $9,543,872. Charlotte has the largest indebtedness $965,000 and Wilmington is sixth with $669,238. Asheville, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh have more indebtedness than Wilmington.

KIDNAPPED CHILD RETURNED.

Colored Baby Returned Sunday Night Left at Mother's Door.

The colored child that was kidnapped some time ago from its mother on Red Cross street, where it had been left for a moment in a baby carriage, was returned to the mother Sunday night, according to information received at the police station yesterday. The woman lives at 213 1-2 North Sixth street and the mother is inclined to believe that the child has been kept in hiding by another woman who lives in the same building. The baby had been missing for several weeks and was placed on the steps of the mother's house late Sunday night. The motive for the kidnapping of the child has not been assigned and no warrant had been issued for anyone yesterday.

HOTEL MEETING TONIGHT.

All Persons Invited to Attend the Meeting at the Court House.

All persons interested in the least in the forward movement for a new and modern hotel for Wilmington are cordially invited to attend the meeting at the Court House tonight at 8:30 o'clock, when the committee which has the enterprise in hand will make its report and give an outline of what it is expected to do. Whether a person is interested financially or not, he will be welcome. The advantages of such a hotel in Wilmington are too well recognized to need enumeration. The invitation is come and hear the report and the discussion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Peterson & Ruffs—Xmas Slippers.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Special This Week.
Academy of Music—Peruchi-Gypzene Company.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

H. W. Konig—House for Sale.
Leo L. Bennett—New Bennett House
E. Warren & Son.—Headley's Chocolates.
E. Warren & Son.—Home Made lates.
E. Warren & Son—Home Made Candy.

MANY BEFORE MAYOR

Large Number of Offenders For Monday's Session of Police Court.

NO IMPORTANT CASES

Pickanninnies Started Christmas Fun Too Early—Young Man Fined For Interference With Officer in Discharge of Duty.

A cosmopolitan crowd greeted the Mayor at yesterday's session of the police court, the defendants having ranged almost from the child in swaddling clothes to the gray-headed old toper.

Three young colored boys charged with firing pop crackers in the street Saturday night, two of them in front of Orrell & Alexander's stables and the third at Fourth and Harnett streets, were admonished by the Mayor that they had begun their festivities entirely too early and were discharged with a warning.

Lewis Tyndall, a young white man of the First ward, was charged with an assault on a colored man Saturday night, the negro being in flight at the time. The arrest was by Officer Frank George, who found a pistol sticking out of the young man's pocket when he was taken in custody. It was shown in court that threats had been made against the young man's life for some revelations he had made recently when his father's store was robbed, and the charge of carrying a concealed weapon was not developed against him. For the simple assault young Tyndall was fined $5 and costs.

Nathan Davis, a young white man charged with interfering with Officer D. W. Coleman in the arrest of Hosea Davis Saturday night, was fined $10 and costs. Young Davis said he merely took hold of the prisoner while he was under arrest and told the officer that he would take him home but Policeman Coleman had another story, corroborated by his fellow officer, Mr. Brinkley and the Mayor stated that he would impose the fine as stated. He remarked in passing sentence that the interference with officers in the discharge of their duty, was becoming all too frequent and he intended to put a stop to it, if he had to send some one to the roads.

The other cases were mainly without interest. A fight between two colored men on Kidder's Hill Sunday night resulted in the fining of one of the defendants and the discharge of the other, who showed that he had ordered the aggressor from his house and had found it necessary to use a chair to enforce the order. Simon Larkins was the unfortunate in the meet and was fined $5 and costs.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN RUSSELL.

Veteran Fireman Laid to Rest With Masonic Honors Sunday.

With the honors of the Masonic fraternity, Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and his comrades in the Fire Department of Wilmington, the remains of the late Capt. Benjamin R. Russell, veteran fireman and soldier, were tenderly laid to rest Sunday afternoon in Bellevue cemetery. Many friends were present to pay a last sad mark of respect to the deceased, and the funeral services were very impressive indeed, being conducted from the late residence in Magnolia Avenue by the Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Capt. Russell was a faithful member. The funeral hymns were rendered by the Masonic Quartette, composed of Messrs. Chas. McMillen, H. K. Holden, Brooke French and R. F. Fowler. The floral tributes were many and very pretty, one especially handsome one being sent by the Fire Department.

The Atlantic Engine and Hook and Ladder truck of the department, appropriately draped in mourning, formed a part of the long funeral procession following the remains to Seventeenth and Market streets, and returning slowly to the station. All the members of Engine Company No. 1 to which Capt. Russell was attached, and a committee from the other fire stations of the city attended the obsequies in a body and sorrowful tribute was paid by them to their deceased comrade.

The pall bearers were: Honorary, Chief Chas. Schnibben, Mr. James W. Monroe and Chairman Martin Rathjen, of the Fire Committee; active, Mayor A. M. Waddell, Capt. E. G. Parmele, Capt. R. W. Price, Capt. W. P. Oldham, and Messrs. John Mohr and Petr N. Fick.

CARNIVAL GOES ON

Large Crowds Last Night on New Grounds—Injunction Proceedings Attractions Well Patronized—Contest Goes Merrily On.

In spite of threats of injunction proceedings Saturday night by certain merchants, through their attorneys, the Eagles Carnival opened up yesterday afternoon and last night on Fourth, near Castle street, bigger and brighter than ever before. Many of the shows had changed the base of their operations from Fifth and Hanover streets as early as Saturday midnight, so that there was no delay in the opening this week and the crowd on the first day was fully up to the expectations of the Eagles and the amusement company. The Italian band gave another excellent concert downtown yesterday afternoon and last night and all cars going south and east during the afternoon and evening were crowded with merry-makers. The shows promise to do a big business all during the week.

The various attractions are well located on private property in the southern section of the city and so far as could be learned the order on the premises was good last night and no residents in the vicinity of the midway had any kick coming. The injunction proceedings by the attorneys were abandoned Saturday night and the Eagles are anticipating no further trouble in the way of efforts at prohibition of the shows.

There was much interest yesterday in the popular voting contest for the favorite candidate for Mayor. The other contest having been concluded all interest now centres in the Mayoralty race and the votes are coming in lively. Up to 2 o'clock this morning the committee had not completed the count of the vote up to the closing hour last night.

MRS. GEO. A. HUGGINS DEAD.

Passed Away Sunday Morning at Family Home at Scott's Hill

Friends in Wilmington and elsewhere will hear with sincere sorrow of the death of Mrs. Eva Pearce Huggins, wife of Mr. G. A. Huggins, formerly of this city, which occurred at the family home at Scott's Hill Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after a brief illness with hemorrhagic fever. Mrs. Huggins was a daughter of the late Capt. E. S. Pearce, who at one time was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover. She was 27 years of age and was highly esteemed by all in the circle of her acquaintance. There are surviving besides her husband, two little sons, aged three and five years and they have the tenderest sympathy of all in the sorrow that is theirs. She is also survived by a brother, Mr. L. B. Pearce, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Wright, who lives in West Virginia.

The funeral of Mrs. Huggins was conducted at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning from the Methodist church at Scott's Hill and the interment was in the cemetery there. The services were by Rev. Y. E. Wright, pastor of the Methodist churches of the Scott's Hill circuit.

Rev. W. L. Rexford to Wed.

Cards have been issued announcing the forthcoming marriage of Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilmington, and Miss Mattie Futrell, both popular young people of this city. The ceremony will be performed next Wednesday evening, December 19, at six o'clock in Market Street Church. Rev. M. Bradshaw, the retiring presiding elder of the Wilmington district and Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, will be the officiating ministers. Rev. Mr. Rexford and bride will make their home in this city where they have a great many friends.

Left at the Front Door.

Quite some interest was manifested in a report, which was current during yesterday, to the effect that a neatly done up package was left at the front door of a residence on South Front street. It was evident from the looks of the package that the sender had spared no pains in making the package attracted the attention of the first paserby.

Upon examination something out of the ordinary was found in the shape of a handsomely gotten up poster, telling of the many advantages Christmas shoppers would find by calling at The Little Store. Look for one under your door. It will interest you. Do your Christmas shopping at Platt & Haar's, No. 9 North Front street. *½

Our 50c chocolates this week at 34c per pound. E. Warren & Son. **

TORPEDO FLOTILLA

Five of the Crafty Little Fighters Called at the Port Sunday on Their Way South For Winter.

Five torpedo boats comprising the third flotilla of the United States Navy bound South from Norfolk, Va., called at this port Sunday, remaining in the harbor over night and proceeding to sea yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. The flotilla consists of the flagship Stringham, Capt. McDowell, commander of the fleet; the Wilkes, in command of Lieut. Johnson; the Delong, in command of Lieut. Miller; the Stockton, Lieut. Tombes and the Blakeley, Lieut. Courtney. The diminutive fighters were recently overhauled at the Portsmouth Navy yard and after a cruise in the Chesapeake Bay the flotilla sailed Saturday for Wilmington en route South to engage in target practive prior to beginning the Winter maneuvers with the Atlantic fleet at Key West.

The boats with the exception of the flagship are somewhat smaller than those of the second flotilla, in command of Lieut. Anderson, which called here earlier in the season. No one here was advised of the coming of the fleet, though an order from the Department stipulated that they were to call here on their way South. The vessels arrived up about noon and anchored in the stream. No visitors were allowed on board and few of the 350 men aboard were allowed shore leave. The flotilla expects to coal at Port Royal & Charleston, S. C.

The fleet was reviewed by a number of people from the wharves but none of the boats came in from the harbor. This was a disappointment to many who always manifest a keen interest in the craft of Uncle Sam which every now and then get to the port.

Further Claims Being Filed.

The American Law and Collection Agency, represented in this city by James H. Scull, Esq., yesterday filed with the Atlantic Coast Line something over $2,000 in claims for strawberry shippers. Mr. Scull states that his agency now has claims aggregating $12,000 against the railroads for alleged irregularities in freight shipments. Mr. A. St.Amond, traveling claim attorney of the Seaboard Air Line, is in the city and settled several matters with Mr. Scull yesterday. They leave this morning for a trip up the road to affect further adjustments with that road.

Wilmington Suburban Company.

A certificate of incorporation for the Wilmington Suburban Company, which will develop South Wilmington and which was recently chartered by the Secretary of State, was received by the Clerk of the Superior Court yesterday. The paid up capital is $15,000 with authority at any time to increase to $125,000, the shares being $10 each. The incorporators are Messrs. M. S. and E. P. Willard and C. W. Yates, of Wilmington. The number of shares held by each is not given in the incorporation papers.

To Wed Wednesday Evening.

A marriage of much interest to many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere will be that of Miss Sallie Huggins, an attractive young woman of this city and Mr. D. M. Ivey, a popular young clerk in the Coast Line offices here and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ivey, of Raynham, N. C. The ceremony will be performed Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents on Campbell, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

"Special Policeman" Lectured.

Ed Littleton, who has a special policeman's badge by appointment of the city police administration, was sharply lectured by Justice Borneman in his court yesterday upon the developments in connection with the arrest of two young colored boys charged with skylarking in Front of the Market House early in the afternoon. The testimony was that Littleton went over to the boys and arrested one of them who got off on the plea that he had to go to dinner, and because the officer could not get the other one. Littleton applied to Justice Borneman for a warrant, also charging that one of the boys stole his watch while he was arresting them. The latter charge, however, could not be proved and the boys were discharged after being taxed with half the costs for disorderly conduct. Justice Borneman strongly lectured the officer for turning the boys loose and for his manner of executing the law in general.

Our line of 50c chocolates at 34c per pound this week. E. Warren & Son. **

HOLIDAY'S APPROACH

Abundant Evidences on Every Hand That Kris Kringle's Day is Dawning.

WEATHER FINE FOR SHOPPING

Yesterday Typical Indian Summer, Bringing to the Retail District Hundreds of People—Work for Clerks and Shippers.

Although the weather of the past several days would hardly suggest it, the signs of the times give unmistakable evidence that the Christmas holiday is near. Yesterday marked the beginning of the last full week before the gladsome holiday and this means a busy six days for the average American in this great era of prodigality and rejoicing. All Wilmington stores present holiday show windows and attractive stocks of the kind of goods and wares that go during this period. The selections by Wilmington merchants this year, from a casual inspection of the shelves and counters in some of the leading stores, seem to be larger and more in endless variety than ever before. The country is prosperous and the merchants have realized that the people have the money to spend and that they will spend it for this holiday. Some bought short last year, and, determined that such a condition as to their stock should not exist another season, they have laid in a plentiful supply of everything that goes and if the indication of early buying is to be taken, the Christmas trade will be quite satisfactory for everyone.

The weather yesterday was such as to attract a large number of holiday shoppers to the street, apprehensive lest the conditions be not so favorable later, and all the merchants in the retail district did a fine business. This will become more and more intense as the great holiday approaches, reaching its zenith perhaps on Saturday afternoon. Yesterday the weather was typical Indian Summer. The thermometer registered officially 72 degrees as a maximum and 58 as a minimum. This is remarkable and emphasizes the greatness of the country when it is considered that yesterday a cold wave covered the Northwest with temperatures from two to 20 degrees below zero and with even colder weather in the West and South west. For Wilmington and vicinity the weather bureau promises fair and colder to-day and to-morrow, all of which will be welcome to the Christmas enthusiast who contemplates with horror a repition of yesterday's conditions on a day so long associated in the human mind with reindeers and sleds.

But with all the gladness that there is this week with the great majority of people, the poor clerks and the transportation and the mail and the express folks will be up to their necks literally and figuratively speaking. With each recurring year the custom of giving gifts, remembering absent ones at home and the like, is growing and of course it taxes those who must serve the public more and more each season. The movement begun this year earlier than usual and the postoffice and express people felt the effect of it last week. Wilmington's population is becoming more and more cosmopolitan every year and these have loved ones back yonder, some of them in the old country and gifts must be started on their missions of gladness early. That means more work for the postoffice clerk and carrier, for the express man and all others connected with the service; more for the trainmen and the enginemen who must contribute their part to the burden, and more to the conductor, who must safely handle the crowds that are going back and forth on this great day of family reunions and Christmas shopping. It is safe to say that few of the trains will be on schedule until the the holidays now and the casual observer will find abundant evidences on every turn that the Santa Claus of his forefather is again king and is ruling with an imperial sway.

—Mr. B. McD. Russell, now with a large binding establishment in Lynchburg, Va., who came here on account of the death of his father, the late Capt. Benjamin R. Russell, will return home this evening. Although on a sad mission, it was the pleasure of many of Mr. Russell's friends to see him again and to know that he is doing well in his adopted home.

Candy made while you wait from 15c per pound up. E. Warren & Son. **

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OUR COAST DEFENSE.

Some time ago the Star contained an interesting and strong communication from a military friends concerning the inadequacy of our coast defense, and we took occasion to agree with our correspondent and join in urging attention to this matter by the government.

Chairman Hull, of the House Committee on Military Affairs, has reported a bill which provides for a complete reorganization and systematizing of the artilery service of the United State Army. It proposes to enlarge and increase the efficiency of the service. The Washington Post says the bill goes to the very heart of one of the most momentous questions of this time, that of the National defense. Says the Post in part:

"Americans are always ready, but never prepared to go to war. Our case is that of a big, strong man, who swings bravely—and wildly—and in the meantime runs the risk of a hook on the jaw that will put him out of business. What is more, we never shall be prepared, in the modern sense, so long as we cheerish a belief in our own special immunity from successful attack. Boot to boot with this belief rides our ambition to push our trade to the uttermost corners of the earth, to get and to keep our share of the teeming markets of the East, to control and direct the destinies of our sister republics to the South. These are proper aims and ends, but so are they also for other nations.

"We cannot eat our cake and have it too—undisturbed. We must lay our account to meet the issues arising from our contact with our commercial rivals. And when he write "commercial we have put our finger on the core of the matter,for, as Prof. Seeley, of Cambridge University, pointed out oer a quarter of a century ago in a remarkably prophetic paper, we have only to stop raising wheat and cotton ton and making shoes and steam engnes to insure to ourselves and to our descendants the blessings of perpetual peace—the peace of death. If we insist, then, on living, we have got to make some sort of preparation to insure a reasonable safety for the way we have chosen in which to live, move, and have our being.

"Theoretically, reasonable preparation is adequate preparation—preparation made before, and not after the fact—in numbers, in skill, and in armament commensurate with our dignity as a nation, and with the importanee and value of our wealth and interests at home and abroad. This sort of preparation it is hopeless to ask for. The question, therefore, is simply the practical one of setting up such a defense as will protect the Capital and our great ports from capture and our land from invasion by a powerful naval enemy; such a defense as will give us time to bring our resources to bear after a declaration of war.

"The Hull bill, if enacted into law, will give us for the first time in our history an adequate torpedo defense for our entire coast. Torpedo defense under modern conditions is so deadly, so sure, that nothing but the utmost desperation will induce a naval commander to send his ships over them. Suitably covered by gunfire, a well-mined, well-gunned harbor is today safe from naval capture. But torpedoes need specially trained men for their operation, and it is these that the bill will provide. We are wholly without them today. The cost of torpedoes and their personnel is nil compared with the protection they will afford, but we must have the men, and what is more, we must manage to keep them after they have once been trained. Here a most serious defficulty is encountered in the service of coast defense, affecting both guns and torpedoes. That service calls for electrical experts, able to use delicate mathematical instruments, and men who can run steam engines, dynamos, and al the other plant needed in coast defense. By arduous efforts, the coast artillery succeeds in training these experts, but, once trained, they leave the service on expiration of enlistment, because of the better pay they can get out of it on account of what they have learned in it."

The Post alludes more fully to the Hull bill, and also furnishes a strong argument for its passage. The long and short of it is, we now occupy a position as a Nation in the world from which there is no thought of backing down, and Congress may as well realize it and act.

WAS SHIFTING OF QUICKSANDS.

The Norfolk Virgiania Pilot, of Sundya, referring to the recent startling report concerning the sinking of the beach near Beaufort, N. C., says:

"Andre Fourchy, assistant superintendent of construction in charge of the repairs and construction of the life-saving stations along the Virginia and North Carolina Coasts, who returned From Fort Macon N. C., yesterday, stated that the reports of the recent landslide and cutting away of the beach at Beaufort, Inlet and the reports of the sinking of the life-saving station at Fort Macon, N. C., have been greatly exaggerated.

"Mr. Fourchy, who has had considerable experience on the coasts, and who has been in a position to study the action of the tides along the various inlets along the Atlantic coast, said that it is a matter of common occurrence at almost every inet on the coast where the bottom is to a great extent quicksand that once it is started by a strong tide that it is apt to cut quite a channel in a few hours.

"At Fort Macon he found that the quicksand extended to a considerable depth, which accounted for the deep hole suddenly cut in front of the life-saving station.

"He said no damage was done to the life-saving station, nor to any of the buildings, although a cellar was partly undermined.

"As a matter of precaution, however, the life-saving station is to be moved from its present location, and if this can be done before a storm arises, the station will not be damaged. Mr. Fourchy is here to get the necessary material for moving the station".

Mr. Fourchy's theory is doubtless correct, and if we mistake not the same explanation of the occurrence was sent out from Beaufort when the sinking of the beach was reported, with the exception that the cutting away of the sand was referred to instead of quicksand.

All of us who live on the ocean are fully aware that when Old Neptune attacks a sand bank or a mountain of sand, it does not take long for the powerful water agency to make all go before it. During a stromn several years ago Wilmington people had the opportunity to observe that in the quick cutting of a new inlet on Wrightsville Beach, just north of Moore's inlet, probably a mile distant. That inlet it still there and two masted schooners which come into Moore's Inlet can also make their way in by the new inlet. The new inlet was cut across the beach in less than twenty-four hours.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—When Congress rejected the simplified spelling fad, it is said President Roosevelt took the blow good naturedly. But how will Andrew Carnegie stand up under it.—Washington Post.

—The Commoner runs portions of the President's message and of Mr. Bryan's Madison Square speech "in deadly parallel" in order to show how little difference there is between the two. Then why turn out the one to put in the other? Mr. Bryan cannot defeat Mr. Roosevelt by agreeing with him, no matter who spoke first.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

—Mr. Storer's conspicuous lack of the qualities that are usually considered to lie at the root of diplomatic fitness leads one to wonder how he rose so high in diplomatic rank and continued to hold office so long. No matter how intimately his wife was connected with the cause of his dismissal, Mr. Storer should have shielded her from publicity, even though that involved silence on his own part, leaving the public to construe his retirement from official station in whatever manner it chose.—Utica Observer (Dem).

—President Roosevelt's guillotine message to the House and Senate asking for authority to remove without charges or trial officers of the navy for any reason of his own, is being teated with scorn by the press of the United States. It is inconcelvable, not to say probable, that sometime this extreme power might be used by a President to further private and wholly unworthy interests, and it is not believed that Congress will ever consent to placing such drrepressible and autocratic power in one man's hands.—Rochester Union and Advertiser (Dem).

—But even the greatest and the most fallible of statesmen might, we think, be expected to display more discretion than is shown in the youthful and undignified discussion of the relations of Church and State, which bubbles up in the correspondence between Mrs. Storer and Mr. Roosevelt. A woman who was meddling and intriguing with church politics in the hope of having a cardinalate bestowed upon her favorite archbishop, was plainly not a fit person to be the recipient of the President's intimate confidences. The turn which this troublesome affair took has perhaps been most useful in impressing upon Mr. Roosevelt the value of discretion as an element of statesmanship. The jovial spirit of a "slap you on the back" administration makes friends rapidly, but it also brings itself into many perplexities. Mr. Roosevelt's good natured and impetuous patronage of "Loomis, acting" was the cause of his publication of a simflarly embarrassing correspondence, it will be recalled.—Rochester Herald (Dem).

TWINKLINGS.

—He—I told your father I couldn't live without you. She—And what did he say? He—Oh, he offere dto pay my funeral expenses.—Ally Sloper's Hali-Holiday.

—"And so you like to see me come much better than the other young men that call on your sister?" "Yas-sir. You're the only one that doesn't hang his handkerchief over the key-hole."—Life.

—Fortune Teller—"The man who is interested in you is a great sportsman. fond of mountain climbing, automobiling and ballooning." Young Thing—How nice, but I prefer one that will last longer, if you have any. —Fliegende Blaetter.

—They—the two—were sitting on the rustic bench in the yard. He had been wondering if he dared. Even the moon had begun to pay attention. "Be careful, Mr. Jones," said the football girl, "I will have to penalize you three feet for holding."—Puck.

—Doctor, something is the matter with me. Sometimes my mind is a perfect blank and my memory constantly fails me. I wish you would treat me." "I will. But in view of the peculiar nature of your case I shall want my fee in advance."—Baltimore Telegram.

—Maxton correspondence: Mr. M. W. Cole has tendered his resignation as cashier of the Bank of Maxton to be effective January 1. Mr. Cole has made an excellent officer and it is with regret than the bank parts with his services, but he has decided to go with the United Lumber Company next year, in which he is a large stockholder. His successor as cashier of the bank has not been chosen.

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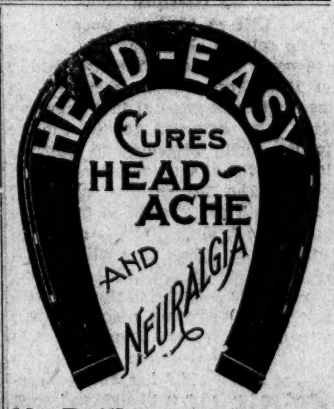

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Read Star Business Locals.

The Laborers of Servia.

Servia's laborer is at heart a simple, prosaic fellow. His attire is coarse almost to the point of ungainliness—rough brown trousers of homespun, a coat a shade or two darker and edged with a strip of black fleece; a peaked woolen cap and a cane, and you have the picture. He is a farmer on a small scale, and his hobby is raising hogs, which he turns into the forests or fields to fatten on mast. The rural life in Servia is primitive. At sunup folks rise, take their raki, or schnapps, and go to the fields to work. Their meal is brought to them at noon and again in the evening, for they often work until sunset. And so life goes on and on. Across the bluffs that border the river a road runs parallel with the Danube, and here workmen are seen, dressed often in white suits with red girdles, striving to bring from the earth the grain that will not come. In Roumania and Bulgaria the grain lands are rich, but here the earth seems stubborn and unproductive. So the laborer ekes out his existence as he may—the least interesting of all the laborers of southern Europe.

The Swiss Fourth of July.

Aug. 1 is the Swiss Fourth of July, the national fete day. A traveler tells how he helped to celebrate it one year at one of the climbing centers in the Valais by eating the sumptuous dinner provided by the hotel without extra charge, applauding the fireworks display and a bonfire lighted high on the mountain side and shouting "Hourra!" at the end of a patriotic speech extolling the ancient military glories and present republican democracy of Switzerland. Next morning came the strange sequel. The orator of the occasion, the most distinguished native visitor in the place, was appealed to as one who would certainly know the name of the Swiss president, but even he could not remember it. Nobody ever can. The name of that unassuming functionary is always less familiar in Switzerland than that of the lieutenant governor is in Illinois. He is merely the democracy's temporary official.

Jail Born Books.

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is the most famous and of its class incomparably the best English book ever written in prison. Bunyan was a prisoner in Bedford jail from 1660 to 1672 and in addition to his immortal allegory wrote "Grace Abounding" and "The Holy City" during those twelve years. Raleigh, who was a prisoner in the tower, 1603-14, occupied seven years of his captivity in writing his "History of the World." "The King's Quair," a long and romantic love poem, was written by James I. of Scotland when in prison at Windsor castle in 1423. Smollett, during his three months' detention in the King's Bench prison for libel, wrote "The Adventures of Sir Launcelot Graves," and during a similar experience at Newgate in 1703 Defoe wrote a "Collection of Casualties and Disasters."

Naps and the Health.

Prolonged "forty winks" during the day are severely condemned by many doctors on the ground that they affect one's regular sleep. Scientists have found that in the ordinary course in the human being there is the greatest vitality between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. and the least between 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the morning. Long sleeps during the day interfere with this order of nature and sometimes affect various organs, causing headache. The nap of forty winks, but only forty, proves refreshing to many because it is too short to have any injurious consequences.—London Telegraph.

Milk In Turkey.

In Turkey there is a great consumption of the milk of the buffalo, the common cow, the goat and the ewe, but it is hardly ever used in a natural state. According to a paper read at the London Academy of Medicine, the milk is considerably reduced. After slow cooling the milk is treated with a ferment taken from the previous day's supply. In a few hours a curd forms, which is called yaghoun. The preparation is preferred to milk, and it has a pleasant, clean, acid taste and is of course nutritious.

Calumet.

"Calumet," supposed to be an Indian word meaning "pipe of peace," was wholly unknown among the savages. It is Norman and signifies in general a pipe. The pipe of peace was a "ganowdaoe" among the Iroquois and a "poagun" among some other tribes. The Algonquins called it "poagan," the Winnebagoes "tahneehoo" and the Dacotahs "chaindonhoopa."

The Gulf Stream.

Western Europe's climate would be changed entirely were the isthmus of Panama and adjacent territory to be submerged, for in that case the equatorial current would be carried into the Pacific ocean, and the gulf stream, which does so much to warm Europe, would not emerge into the Atlantic.

Watch Jewels.

A jeweler, no matter how dishonest, would not steal the jewels in a watch, for they are valueless. They cost only 10 cents apiece. In antique watches the jewels were often costly. In modern watches they are never worth more than $15 a gross.—Argonaut.

Saluting a Ghost.

A famous Scotch dean used to tell a ghost story the clew to which is in the question, "Weel, maister ghaist, is this a general rising or are ye just taking a daunder frae yer grave by yerself?"

Inconsistency with ourselves is the greatest weakness of human nature.—Addison.

Egyptian Onions.

Egypt has been regarded by some people as the land of pyramids and mummies only, but it has from time immemorial had a reputation for onions. Ancient Egyptians swore by the onion and regarded the plant as sacred. The inscription on the pyramid of Cheops tells us that the workmen had onions given to them, and from the Bible we learn that the Hebrews, when slaves under Pharaoh, enjoyed these bulbs, and that when far away they remembered "the leeks and the onions and the garlic." The Egyptian onion is a handsome and useful vegetable, and by selecting the best strains of seed the quality tends, year by year, to improve. The Egyptian knows two varieties, the "Baali" and the "Miskaoul," but supplies of the latter kind are seldom sent abroad, as they absorb so much moisture from the frequently irrigated ground in which they are grown that they do not stand a sea voyage well. The "Baali" onion is the more popular Egyptian onion and is grown in yellow soil, which is sparingly watered while the bulbs are maturing, in order that the onions may stand a lengthy sea voyage with little risk of sprouting.

Cheap Living In Norway.

"It is a good scheme," said a rich man, "to spend the summer in Norway. The Norwegian climate is superb, the scenery is grand and the living is cheap—a dollar a day at the hotels and carriages at a half dollar a day. One fine thing about Norway is that in the summer the night only lasts a couple of hours, and if you go as far as the North cape there is no night at all, but the sun circles round and round the horizon and never sinks below. The Norwegian rivers abound in fish, and any one is free to angle for trout in them. The salmon rivers, though, are strictly preserved. Some of the salmon rivers are very fine and rent for as much as $2,000 a year. I know a man who has a river only two miles long that he pays $1,800 for. He often gets fish sixty or seventy pounds. The day I called on him his wife came in with a forty pounder, a twenty-two pounder and a fifty-one pounder that she had caught herself within three hours."

A Forest of Giants.

It is almost impossible for one who has seen only the eastern or Rocky mountain forests to imagine the woods of the Pacific coast. Pictures of the big trees are as common as postage stamps, but the most wonderful thing about the big trees is that they are scarcely bigger than the rest of the forest. The Pacific coast bears only a tenth of our woodland, but nearly half of our timber. An average acre in the Rocky mountain forest yields one to two thousand board feet of lumber; in the southern forest, three to four thousand; in the northern forest, four to six thousand. An average acre on the Pacific coast yields fifteen to twenty thousand. Telescope the southern and Rocky mountain forests, toss the northern on top of them and stuff the central into the chinks, and, acre for acre, the Pacific forest will outweigh them all.—American Magazine.

Impressive Evidence.

The constable is an observant man, and his observation had its reward at Marlborough street one morning. It was the case of a hansom driver who had run into a four wheeler, and the constable maintained in the witness box that the hansom driver was drunk. "There was a bit of a dispute," said the driver," and the constable admitted as much. "You was a bit doubtful about me bein' drunk, wasn't you now?" continued the driver solemnly. "I was, just a bit," said the constable stolidly, "until I saw you taking down your own number on your coat sleeve."—London Standard.

Ruddy.

Artist's Friend—My dear Harold, I like your picture very much, only I fancy the original doesn't look quite so red as you have painted him. He hasn't a ruddy complexion; quite the reverse. Impressionist Artist—Who on earth are you talking about? Artist's Friend—Why, your uncle, of course. Impressionist Artist—Gracious, man, but that isn't my uncle. It's a sunset!

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Jinks—Johnson wants to borrow £10 from me. Do you think he is good for that amount? Binks—Yes, with proper securities.

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Surgical.

The Professor—Now, suppose you had been called to see a patient with hysterics, some one, for instance, who had started laughing and found it impossible to stop, what would you do? Doctor—Amputate his funny bone.—Illustrated Bits.

An Expert Opinion.

"What do you think of my daughter's execution on the piano?"

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	No. 48	No. 42
Lv Wilmington	9.00 a m	6.50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.10 p m	9.52 p m
Ar Wilson	1.12 p m	10.25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	2.08 p m	11.00 p m
Ar Norfolk	5.55 p m	
Ar Weldon	5.08 p m	2.32 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.12 p m	4.27 a m
Ar Richmond	8.00 p m	5.10 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	8.50 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.43 a m	10.13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.25 a m	12.27 a m
Ar New York	7.20 a m	3.00 a m

SOUTHBOUND

	No. 41	No. 42
Lv New York	9.25 a m	9.25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	1.55 a m	12.01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2.12 p m	2.32 a m
Ar Washington	3.21 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		8.40 a m
Lv Richmond	7.25 p m	9.05 a m
Ar Petersburg	4.05 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Weldon	9.53 p m	11.44 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.58 p m	1.00 p m
Ar Wilson	11.40 p m	2.05 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6.58 a m	3.10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.05 a m	6.00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH SOUTHBOUND

	Daily	Daily	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6.00 am	3.45 pm	6.50pm
Ar Florence	9.35 am	7.40 pm	4.15 am
Ar Columbia	12.40 pm	10.55 pm	
Ar Charleston	1.20 pm	11.40 pm	7.05 am
Ar Savannah	6.45 pm	2.50 am	9.30 am
Ar Jack'ville	.....	8.40 am	2.10 pm
Lv Tampa	9.00 p m		10.30 a m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily	Daily
Lv aTmpa	9.00 p m	10.30 a m
Lv Jacksonville	7.00 a m	7. p m
Ar Savannah	12.55 p m	1.15 a m
Lv Charleston	5.30 p m	6.15 a m
Lv Columbia	4.30 p m	6.45 a m
Ar Florence	10.00 p m	9.25 a m

From Wilmington, N. C., to Georgetown, S. C.

Ar Wilmington	12.05 a m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar 8.00 p m
Lv Fayetteville	12.20 p m	Ar 4.50 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	N. Bound Daily ex Sun	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2.25 p m	Ar 12.30 p m
Ar Newbern	5.40 p m	Lv 9.10 a m

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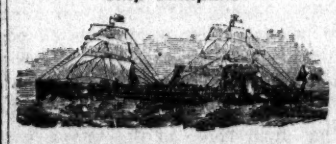

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x 7.00 a m	x6.30 a m	
x 8.30 a m	x8.00 a m	
10.00 a m	xx9.00 a m	
11.30 a m	11.00 a m	10.45 a m
1.30 p m	12.30 p m	12.15 p m
3.00 p m	2.25 p m	2.15 p m
5.00 p m	4.25 p m	4.15 p m
6.30 p m	5.55 p m	5.45 p m
8.00 p m	7.30 p m	
9.30 p m	9.00 p m	
11.00 p m	10.30 p m	

xDaily except Sunday.

xx Sundays this car will leave Wrightsville at 10:00 a. m. instead of at 9:00 a. m.

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Lv Washington	6:25 PM	Lv	10:10 AM
Lv Richmond	10:00 PM	Lv	6:45 AM
Lv Raleigh	3:10 AM	Lv	1:50 AM
Ar Hamlet	6:30 AM	Lv	10:20 AM
Lv Hamlet	7:35 AM	Ar	7:35 AM
Ar Wilmington	12.25 PM	Lv	2:50 PM

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Lv Wilmington	2:50 PM	Ar	12:25 PM
Ar Hamlet	7:35 PM	Lv	7:35 AM
Lv Hamlet	10:40 PM	Ar	6:30 AM
Lv Raleigh	1:50 AM	Ar	5:10 AM
Lv Raleigh	1:50 AM	Ar	5:10 AM
Ar Portsmouth	8:15 AM	Lv	8:30 PM

Between Wilmington, Atlanta and Birmingham.

Lv Wilmington	2:50 PM	Ar	12:25 PM
Ar Hamlet	7:35 PM	Lv	7:35 AM
Lv Hamlet	10:00 PM	Ar	6:50 AM
Ar Monroe	11:50 PM	Lv	5:15 AM
Lv Monroe	11:50 PM	Ar	5:10 AM
Ar Atlanta	7:45 AM	Lv	9:00 PM
Lv Atlanta	7:45 AM	Ar	7:45 PM
Ar Birmingham	1:10 PM	Lv	2:25 PM

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Lv Wilmongton	2:50 PM
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Lv Columbia	12:30 AM
Lv Savannah	4:50 AM
Lv Jacksonville	10:00 AM
Ar Tampa	6:35 PM

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Lv Lumberton	5:35 PM	6:56 AM
Lv Maxton	6:40 PM	7:46 AM
Ar Hamlet	7:32 PM	8:45 AM
Lv Hamlet	7:55 PM	
Lv Monroe	9:55 PM	
Ar Charlotte	10:00 PM	
Lv Charlotte	10:15 AM	
Ar Lincolnton	11:43 AM	
Lv Shelby	12:47 PM	
Ar Rutherfordton	2:00 PM	
Ar Wilmington	12:25 PM	12:35 AM
Ar Lumberton	9:23 PM	9:50 PM
Ar Maxton	8:30 AM	8:50 PM
Lv Hamlet	7:35 AM	7:50 PM
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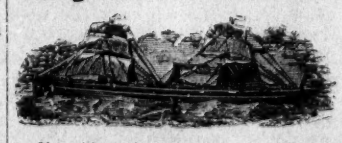

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The Morning Star.

Tuesday, December 18, 1906.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1906.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Monday, December 17th.

Temperature at 8 A. M. 61 degrees; at 8 P. M. 65 degrees; maximum 72 degrees; minimum 58 degrees; mean 65 degrees.

Rainfall of the day 0; rainfall since the first of the month to date .88 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear River at Fayetteville 8 A. M. Monday 4.3 feet.

Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, colder on the coast; fresh notrhwest winds.

Port Almanac—December 18, 1906.

Sun Rises	7:05 A M
Sun Sets	4:48 P M
Day's length	9 hrs 43 min
High water at Southport	10:25 P M
High water at Wilmington	12:55 A M

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. D. J. Hinson and son, of Clarendon, N. C., were in the city yesterday making business calls.

—Mr. Howard C. Curtis, of the Southport Herald, spent Saturday in the city a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. C. F. Strosnider is in Wilmington from the University of Maryland to spend the holiday season.

—Maj. W. A. Guthrie, of Durham, arrived in the city last night on his way to Southport on legal business.

—Mrs. F. H. Holland left yesterday morning for Philadelphia to spend the holidays at her former home.

—Mrs. C. L. Vann and Miss Marguerite Vann have returned from a pleasant visit to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.

—Capt. William E. Kyle, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday on business with the general headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line.

—Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Stedman came up on the noon train from Wilmington yesterday."

—Mrs. N. B. Topping, of New York, is a guest at The Orton, for a few days on her return from Beaufort, N. C., where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

—Members of the Peruchi-Gypzene Company, playing this week at the Academy of Music, are guests at The Purcell, awaiting the arrival of their yacht from Newbern.

—Mrs. Otto R. Connor, nee, Mss Louise White, of this city, arrived in Wilmington last evening and will spend the holidays with the Misses White, No. 314 North Second street.

—Friends of Mr. Charles A. Price, who underwent an operation at the James Walker Memorial Hospital some time ago, will be glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently as to be able to be removed to his home in this city.

Christmas For the Convicts.

Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, and others who have been ministering to the spiritual needs of the large body of convicts at work on the terminals of the Atlantic Coast Line, near the city, have conceived the idea that it would be an act of humanity to provide the prisoners camped near the corporate limits with some little delicacies for the gladsome yuletide season. To the end that all may have an opportunity of bringng gladness to the hearts of this unfortunate class of people, both white and colored, Mr. Parker would be glad to receive contributions of fruits or anything else appropriate for the charity. To those who may wish contributions of money may be sent with assurance that it will be wisely and judiciously spent.

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She worried and she fretted,
And grew as homely as could be,
But now she is a famous beauty,
Which came by taking Rocky Mountain Tea.
J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company.

Christmas candy made while you wait, 15c per pound up. E. Warren & Son. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—The British steamer Labuan, 2,294 tons, Capt. Ross, arrived yesterday from Boston, via Norfolk, and will receice cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

—The Baltimore steamer Frostburg was in port yesterday with a general cargo of merchandise for Wilmington merchants.

—Elder J. D. Armstrong wil conduct services in the Primitive Baptist church on Castle street Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

—The necessary repairs having been made to the wharf and warehouses the steamer Atlantic of the Wilmington and Southport line will land at the foct of Dock street in the future.

—Justice Bornemann yesterday married a colored couple, Elisha Scott and Amanda Bell. The ceremony took place at the "judge's" office on Princes street and went off with all the flourish of a court ceremony.

—The Star has with the compliments of the Wilmington Wall Paper Company a very handsome calendar for the new year. It is one of the most artistic sent out by a Wilmington firm this season.

—A very flourishing K. of P. lodge was instituted Friday night at Wallace, N. C., by a team from Wilmington and State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt. Another is to be instituted at Warsaw early in the the new year.

—There were sales of spirits turpentine on the local market after hours yesterday at 66c. The local cotton market was quoted at 10 cents yesterday for middling, which was a quarter higher than either Savannah or Charleston.

PERUCHI-GYPZENE COMPANY.

Opened Week's Engagement at Academy of Music Last Night.

The Peruchi-Gypzene Company, old favorites with Wilmington theatregoers, opened a weeks engagement at the Academy of Music last night, presenting to a large audience "The Little Samaritan" with a line of clever and polite specialties between acts. The company, as it always does, gave fine satisfaction and there can be no doubt of the success of the engagement here this season. Tonight the bill will be "A Girl From the Sunny South," one that will be found especially pleasing.

The company is traveling in its own private yacht down the coast, but had to come to Wilmington by rail yesterday on account of being disappointed in a coast pilot. After arriving yesterday, Mr. Peruchi secured the services of Capt. Pinner and he will go to bring the yacht around to Wilmington Wednesday. The company will go from here to Georgetown and Charleston, S. C., in the craft and later down on the Florida coast to Nassau for the Winter.

IN HONOR OF LEE.

Hundredth Anniversary of His Birth —General Orders No. 32.

Headquarters North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, Durham, N. C., December 17, 1906.

General Orders, No. 32.

Paragraph 1. In accordance with General Orders, No. 58, issued by Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the general commanding the United Confederate Veterans, the Confederate Veterans and all other citizens of North Carolina are hereby earnestly urged "to have a general observance on Saturday, January 19, 1907, of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the immortal Southern leader, Robert Edward Lee."

Par. 11. It is requested that the services on that occasion be held at noon, that hour having been designated so that all the people of the South may unite at the same time in honoring the memory of our noble chieftain. No suggestion is made as to the form of the services then to be held, but it is desired that the two favorite hymns of Gen. Lee be used, to wit: "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," and "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest."

Par. 3. We will be honoring ourselves in thus honoring the memory of the immortal Lee and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a general suspension of all business during the services, wherever they are held, on his centennial birthday. As more North Carolinians than the soldiers of any other State, died in service under Gen. Lee, it would be peculiarly appropriate and proper that this tribute to him should be paid more generally in this State than in any other. By order of.

Major-General J. S. CARR,
Commanding N. C. Div. U. C. V.
H. A. London,
Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The sweling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to rturn." Best salve in existence. 25c at R. R. Bellamy's druggist.

Fresh ground cocoanut and sweet cream for all this week. E. Warren & Son. **

THE CARNIVAL PROTEST.

Mr. Louis Goodman States Position of Certain Merchants.

Mr. Louis Goodman, one of the attorneys retained by certain merchants to prohibit the continuance of the carnival requests the following statement be published:

"The merchants of this city have always been opposed to the holding of carnivals because of the fact that a large amount of money is always carried away from the community. On the other hand the merchants have on all occasions liberally supported fairs nad bazaars because they felt that since charity was the objective, too much could not be done to further the object.

"The people under whose auspices the carnival is being held make the point that it is for charity and therefore they should not be interferred with. They well know, however, that a larger percentage goes to the show than to the order.

"The merchant element is the backbone of the city. They pay the taxes and contribute largely to the upbuilding of the community. They support or oppose movements as those movements may or may not be for the benefit of the community. They are entitled to some consideration in a municipality where they are in the majority.

"The situation herein discussed may be 'sized up' as follows:

"1. Our municipal government well knew that our merchants are opposed to carnivals; yet they granted permission.

"2. The administration even went so far as to extend another week to the worthies without consulting any interests that might possibly be opposed simply taking the word of certain gentlemen who emphatically stated that there was no objection. (Of course they meant no objection from the Board.)

"The merchants read their morning papers on Friday morning and saw what damage had been done on Thursday night. They realized that they had been stabbed in the back. They ascertained that the Aldermen had gathered at a special meeting for a special purpose and had gone out of their way to do something which they had no right to do, that of granting the extension to the carnival. The granting of permission is illegal because the meeting was not called for that purpose and therefore the Aldermen went beyond their authority.

4. The merchants then retained counsel with a view of rescinding the action of the Board of Aldermen. Counsel thought that the Aldermen should be given a chance to act without being forced. A call for a special meeting was signed by four Aldermen (the law requires three) for Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The Mayor called the meeting. It is presumed that each Alderman was properly notified. On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock four members of the Board were present. Five were absent. Only one of the absent ones sent in an excuse. There was no sickness reported. The absence of one member prevented a quorum. Why this absence? Why this seeming inattention to duty? Why this disregard for the best interests of our city? Echo answers, Why? W-H-Y-?

"In the future let the merchants of this city approach the ballot box with a determination to place men in the City Hall who, if they will do nothing else, will at least give them a respectful hearing. Let the merchants with one accord voice their righteous indignation and rebuke those who, by want of attention, or backbone, if you please, have cheated them out of their 'Christmas Trade.' "

Annual New Year's Reception.

The ladies of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary are already at work on arrangements for the annual New Year's reception at the Association. It is planned to entertain the young folks from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and the older people from 8 to 11 o'clock. These affairs are always of an elaborate nature and are greatly enjoyed by those who attend. The following ladies composing the refreshment committee, are requested to meet at the Association to-day: Mrs. Harry Smallbones, Mrs. C. T. Harper, Mrs. Leftwich, Mrs. E. B. King, Mrs. J. A. Springer, Mrs. B. Frank Hall, Mrs. L. V. Grady, Mrs. Reuben H. Pickett, Mrs. John F. Garrell, Sr., Mrs. W. W. Hodges, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Lydia Yates, Miss Hettie Struthers and Mrs. M. W. Moore.

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FOR MEN.

Mufflers, silk, 50c to $1.50.
Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 50c.
Umbrellas from 50c to $5.00.
Kid Gloves 50c to $1.75 a pair.
Fur Driving Gloves $1.50 to $2.50 pair
Golf Gloves from 25c to $1.00.
Fancy Cashmere Hose 25c to 50c.
Wool Sweaters $1.00 to $1.50.
Night Shirts 48c to $1.00.
Fancy Shirts 48c to $1.00.
Watches all kinds 75c upwards.
Cuff Buttons 25c to $2.00
Watch Chains 25c to $5.00
Scarf Pins 10c $1.00
Card Cases from 25c $1.50
Pocket Books 25c to $1.50
Fancy Shaving Sets 75c to $1.50
Military Hair Brushes $1.50
Fancy Suspenders 25c to $1.50
Fur Caps 45c to $1.00
Yacht and Golf Caps 25c to $1.50
Fancy Neckwear from 25c to 75c
Tabacco Jars from 25c to $1.00
Smoking Sets from 65c to $2.50
Derby or Fedora Hats 95c to $2.95
College Hats 50c to $2.00
Gold Fobs 25c to $1.98
Razors 50c to $2.50
Gillette Safety Razors $5.00 $6.50 $7.50
Traveling Bags $2.50 to $5.00
Match Boxes 69c
Shaving Mirror on stand $1.50 to $2.98
Over Coats $2.98 to $15.00
Rain Coats $10.00 to $25.00
Suits $2.98 to $20.00
Pants 98c to $6.00
Fancy and White Vests 98c to $3.75
Pocket Knives 15c to $1.50
Collars 10c to 25c
Cuffs 15c to 25c pair

FOR BOYS.

Colars and Cuff Boxes 25c
Gold Pens 99c
Pencil Boxes 5c and 10c
Boys' Cotton Hose 10c to 25c
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c
Fancy Shirts 25c to 50c
Wool Sweaters 98c
Night Shirts 48c 75c
Gold Rings $.00
Watches upwards from 75c
Tool Chests from 25c to $1.75
Toy Drums from 25c to $1.00
Horse and Cart 25c to 98c and $1.25
Accordions 50c to 98c
Suspenders from 10c to 50c
Kersey and Plush Caps 25c to 95c
Air Rifles 75c to 98c
Boys' Saw and Buck 50c to $1.00
Boys' Books 15c to $2.50
Foot Balls 75c to $1.50
Mandolin $2.75
Mouth Organ 10c to 25c
Toy Shooting Gallery
Velocipedes 25c to $1.50
Magic Lanterns 89c to $2.50
Soldier Outfit $1.25
Express Wagon all wood 75c
Express Wagon all iron 75c to $2.50
Boys' Wheelbarrow 25c to 50c

FOR WOMEN.

Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c each
Four Plain Linen Handkerchiefs in Box 25c
Six Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs in Box 50c
Six Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs in Box 98c to $1.75
Stock Collars 25c to $2.50
Umbrellas from 50c to $4.98
Kid Gloves 75c to $3.50
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c
Cashmere and Silk Gloves 25c to $1.50
Plain Black Hose 10c to 50c
Fancy Watches upward $3.50
Solid Gold Rings upward $1.00
Leather Pocketbooks 25c to $3.50
Hand Bags 25c to $3.50
Fancy Belts 25c to 50c
Toilet Sets 95c to $3.50
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 35c to 98c
Fancy Box Stationery 25c to $1.25
Cloaks $1.98 to $18.00
Rain Coats $2.98 to $15.00
Wool Skirts 98c to $12.50
Silk Skirts $3.50 to $10.00
Wool Knit Skirts 48c to $1.48
Trimmed Hats 75c to $15.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to $4.98
Pearless Slipper Soles 25c
Fur Scarfs $1.25 to $35.00
Flat Muffs $3.95 to $12.50
Fancy Pin Cushions 25c to $2.50
Mercerized Petticoats 98c to $4.50
Flanellette Gowns 85c to $1.25
Dressing Sacques 48c to $1.50
Flannel Waists $1.00 up
Chain Purses 19c
Bed Room Slippers 98c up
White Aprons 25c to 50c
Traveling Bags $2.49
Eiderdown Sacks $1.25
Night Gowns 75c to $2.98
Silk Waists $3.50 to $5.00
Manicure Sets $1.00
Fancy Belt Pins 50c
Frame Pictures 25c to $6.50
Photograph Albums 98c to $2.98
Work Baskets 69c to $3.98
Shopping Bags 75c

FOR GIRLS.

Work Boxes from 25c to $1.00
Cloth Bound Books from 10c to 25c
Dressed Dolls 1c to $5.00
China Tea Sets from 10c to $2.98
Iron Stoves from 25c to $1.50
Toy Furniture Sets 10c to $1.50
Handkerchiefs from 2½c to 25c
Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes 15c to 25c
Umbrellas 39c to 98c
Golf Gloves from 25c to 50c
Heavy Ribbed Hose 10c to 25c
Fleece Lined Hose 10c to 39c
Necklaces 25c $1.75
Bracelets from 25c to $1.50
Rings from $1.00 upwards
Fur Scarfs from $1.25 to $6.50
Girls' Coats from $2.95 to$10.00
Toy Pianos 25c to $1.50
Toy Trunks from 25c to $1.00
Doll Go-Carts 25c to $6.50
Toy Writing Desks
Fur Neck Piece and Muff to match 90c to $6.50
Trimmed Hats 75c to $5.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to $1.98
Doll Outfits each 25c
Great Big French Dressed Dolls each $2.98
Girls Toilet Sets each 85c
Japanese Doll 10c
Small Hand Bag 19c
Doll Houses $1.00 to $2.50
Sweaters $1.98 to $2.50
Silver Thimbles 25c
Sewing Outfit 49c to $1.00
Rain Coats $5.98

FOR INFANTS.

Cashmere Hose 10c to 25c pair
Cotton Hose from 5c to 25c pair
Mitts all colors 10c to 50c
Bootees all Wool, all Cotton 10c to 48c
All Wool Knit Sacques 25c to $1.25
Gold Rings rom 50c to $1.50
Silver Cups 25c
Hair Brushes and Combs 25c to $1.50
Trumpets from 5c to 25c
Rag Dolls from 5c to 50c
Stuffed Animals from 75c to $1.50
All Wool Knit Hoods 19c to 69c
Fancy Knit Toques 25c to 69c
Silk Hoods 50c to $1.50

FOR THE HOME.

Gold Mantle Clocks $1.50 to $6.50
China Berry Dishes upwards $1.50
Albums 39c to $2.98
Couch Covers 98c to $7.50
Moquet Rugs 98c to $3.75
Smyrna Rugs 98c to $5.00
Hassocks 98c to $1.48
Wool Blankets $3.50 to $6.50
White Bed Spreads 18c to $5.00
Sheets 48c to 98c
Pillow Cases 10c to 25c each
Table Linen the yard 25c to $1.50
Doylies the dozen 25c to $3.50
Flower Vases 25c to $1.98

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From Record Filed at Court House Yesterday.

The following transfers of realty appear from deeds filed yesterday for record:

John R. Hanby and wife to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for $3,000, property on east side of MacRae, 99 feet north of Fanning street, the same being parts of lots three and four, block 284, according to the official plan of the city.

Sol. Sternberger and wife to J. E. and Julia Hill, for $100, property on west side of Seventh street, 33 feet south of Wright street, 33x99 feet in size.

George W. Millis and wife and W. P. Gafford, commissioner, to E. M. Bellamy, property at northwest corner of Fourteenth and Grace streets and northeast corner of Fourteenth and Grace.

Campbell Encampment Officers.

Campbell Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Chief Patriarch A. Silverman; High Priest D. Wilbon Davis; Senior Warden A. T. Parker; Junior Warden M. Hewitt; Scribe John E. Wood; Treasurer W. L. Smith; Trustees John E. Wood, W. L. Smith and W. H. Yopp. These, with the appointive officers will be installed on the first meeting night in January by District Deputy Grand Patriarch C. W. Stewart.

Cooperage Works Sold.

Capt. Preston Cumming, receiver, yesterday sold at auction the extensive plant of the Atlantic Shingle, Cooperage and Veneer Works, located in the southern part of the city, under the recent order of the Superior Court. There were several bidders, but the property was finally bid in by Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, a former president of the company, for $17,500. It is understood that the sale will be confirmed by the court and that arrangements will be made for putting the plant in operation again.

DIED.

WHITEMAN—At her home, No. 713 Red Cross street, Monday night, December 17th, Sarah L. Whiteman, wife of John H. Whiteman, Jr., aged 38 years. Funeral notice later.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY,

"THE STORE THAT'S ALWAYS BUSY."

From Now Till Christmas

It's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of ordinary merchandising.
All the great Holiday Stock must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of Fancy Articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Make This Store

The base of your Holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

Our Stock of Furs

Is still complete with Fur Scarfs and Muffs—Fox, Mink and Squirrel; also Children's Sets to match. Full assortment of Chiffon Neck Scarfs for Ladies.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

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JUST OPENED

The Empire Steam Dyeing and Fancy Dry Cleaning Establishment.

Thirty Years with Lewandos Lords—"The Staten Island." The French Dry Cleaning of Costly Garments a Specialty.

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A HOLIDAY HINT.

As a gift for Wife, the child, or the grandchild suppose you come to this Bank and open a Savings Account in their name. The Pass book you receive from us will make a fine present.

Any Amount Accepted and 4 Per Cent Interest Allowed.

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.

Next to The Orton Hotel. Branch 704 North Fourth Street.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. M. J. CORBETT, Vice-President. F. W. DICK, Cashier.

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LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES.

Highway Robbery—An Important Arrest—Each Lost an Ear—A Death

(Special Star Correspondence)

Lumberton, Dec., 17.—Saturday night about 9 o'cock as Mr. Evander Moody, who conducts a small business in town and lives in the country, was on his way home, he was held up and robbed by two negroes just outside of town. He was roughly handled but returned to town and reported the matter. Fortunately he recognized one of the highwaymen, who was later in the night arrested and placed in jail. The other one made his escape though the officers shot at him two or three times.

Deputy Sheriff Barker made Saturday what is thought to be an important arrest. The prisoner, who is in jail, is a negro, who has given several names and is thought to be wanted in Virginia. There is a good reward for him, if he proves to be the person wanted.

During an altercation between two young white men in Britt's township, a few mies from this place, Saturday night, each one of them had an ear cut off. After the trouble was over they made friends and came to town yesterday morning for repairs. They attracted considerable attention as they walked up the street together, chatting pleasantly, their heads both bandaged alike.

Mr. E. McQ. Sinclair, who was born and reared here but had not lived here for several years died in Georgetown, S. C., Saturday and the remains were brought here yesterday and buried in the family lot in the new cemetery. Mr. Sinclair was a nephew of Mr. H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington.

TOURIST STEAMER ASHORE.

Captain Commits Suicide Sunday Night,Off Port Royal, S. C.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Kingston, Ja., Dec., 17.—The Hamburg-American Line tourist steamer Princess Victoria Luise, from New York, Dec., 12, for this port, went ashore last night off Port Royal, S. C., while on her way back to New York.

The pasengers were landed safely here today.

Captain Bruinswag, who was in charge of the Victoria Luise when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains in his cabin. The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer, and the French training ship Duguay-Trouin is preparing to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Luise is pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

In accounting for the stranding of the steamer, it is explained that she was without a pilot, and that the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong course and piled her upon the rocks just under the lighthouse. Two hours later the captain locked himself in his cabin and blew out his brains. The officers of the ship and the German consul here made ineffectual efforts to hush up the news of the tragedy. The local police are arranging to take charge of the body and perform an autopsy. The body probably will be sent to New York for burial.

When the Victoria Luise ran on the rocks, the sea was calm, the present heavy weather coming up later. The passengers were thrown into a state of panic and great confusion prevailed until it was learned that there was no immediate danger. The officers succeeded in restoring order, and the transfer of the passengers to Kingston was effected without accident.

WAR WITH JAJAN ABSURD.

Assuring Speech By Japanese Ambassador at Washington.

New York, Dec. 17.—After reviewing the amicable relations long existing between the United States and Japan, Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassodar to-night declared that his people were fully alive to the magnitude of Japan's obligation to this country, the memory of which would be a living monument to the cordial friendship that cements the two nations. Eastern Asia, he said, was large enough for the commerce of all nations and the dream of the pessimist who saw the phantom of a struggle between the United States and Japan for the supremacy of the Pacific was too ridiculous to be made the subject of serous thought.

Ambassador Oaki was the guest of honor at the dinner of the American Asiatic Association at the Waldorf-Astoria.

No Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Waterton, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth 25c at R. R. Belamy's drug store.

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Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets
A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impur Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. Its Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis.
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

WARM WIRELETS.

Henry C. Perkins, one of the largest lumber dealers in the South, and head of the Perkins Manufacturing Company, died in Augusta, Ga., last night.

Burnham, Jr., general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, recently convicted of larceny, was sentenced to two years in the State prison. Sentence was imposed by Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court.

Representative Sheppard of Texas yesterday introduced a bill appropriating $10,000 a month for experimentation in reference to the cotton boll weevil and for devsing suitable methods of counteracting the cotton wilt or root rot disease.

The Senate yesterday afternoon passed a bill introduced by Senator Gallinger to provide for the erection of a District of Columbia building and an appropriate building at the Jamestown Exposition. The bill carries an appropriation of $25,000 to be expended by the commissioners.

Gen. John M. Hood, president of the United Railways and Electric Company, of Baltimore, and for 28 years president of Western Maryland R. R., prior to its sale to the Gould interests, died last night after a short illness following nervous breakdown, due it is said, to overwork. He was born in Howard county, Maryland, in 1843. Gen. Hood served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and was several times wounded. After Appomattox he took up railroad work.

Eating Fat.

Darwin relates that the Gauchos of the American pampas live for months on the fat meat of the oxen they watch over. The Eskimos can get along very well by eating from five pounds to six pounds a day of reindeer or seal's flesh so long as it is not too lean, but contains a due proportion of fat. Says the author of "Diet and Dietetics:" "Some men obliged to live a very fatiguing life, the trappers and hunters of the pampas of America and Siberian steppes, the inhabitants of very cold climates, the fishermen living on the banks of the frozen sea, can eat almost exclusively without suffering from it enormous quantities of meat or fish, but on two conditions—that the meat be accompanied by its fat and that the individual subjected to this diet lead a very active life in the open air."

A Remarkable Curiosity.

There is in Connaught, Ireland, a remarkable curiosity, which gives an example of official oversight. When the great famine of 1847 was upon the land the government of the day conceived the idea of opening a line of navigation from Galway to Ballina by way of Lough Corrib and Lough Mask, so as to avoid the dangers of the western coast. From Cong a canal was actually made to Lough Mask as part of the general scheme. The work gave a great deal of employment, and so far the canal served its purpose. But when it was completed it was found the canal would not hold water. The fact that the dock of the district is of a very porous character had been overlooked.

Rough on the Tortoise.

The tortoise is a great sleeper. One was a domestic pet in an English house, and when his time for hibernating came he selected a corner of the dim coal cellar for his winter quarters. A new cook was engaged soon after who knew nothing of tortoises. In a few months the tortoise woke up and sallied forth. Screams soon broke the kitchen's calm. On entering that department the lady of the house found the cook gazing in awestruck wonder and exclaiming as with unsteady hand she pointed to the tortoise, "My conscience, look at the stone which I've broken the coal wi' a' winter!"

The Game of Craps.

The game of "craps" is an old one. Is the word itself a corruption of the French "creps," a favorite game in the gambling halls of the Palais Royal in the eighteenth century? Bescherelle says it was a game played with dice and of English origin; that the name was sometimes written "krabs" and the word was spoken when one succeeded in throwing 2, 3, 11 or 12 at the first cast. English dictionaries shed little light on the subject, and we do not remember any allusion to the game in novels or plays of the eighteenth century.—Boston Herald.

Shetland Wool.

A curious historical legend is connected with Shetland wool. Over 300 years ago a man-of-war belonging to the Spanish armada was wrecked on one of the islands. The sailors who escaped taught the natives to make brilliant dyes from roots which they found, resembling those used for like purposes in Spain. Those persons who now wear bright Shetland knit "comforters" are unconsciously wearing mementos of the "invincible" armada.

Fruit Eating Is Healthful.

If people ate more fruit they would need less medicine and would have better health. Fruit eaten early in the morning on an empty stomach serves as a stimulant to the digestion, and apples and oranges eaten at any time in the day are good for biliousness. Stewed prunes and figs are also healthful at any time.

MEN AND WOMEN.
Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.
Sold by Druggists
or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

Sun Baths.

Sun baths cost nothing and are the most refreshing, life giving baths that one can take, whether sick or well. Every housekeeper knows the necessity of giving her woolens the benefit of the sun from time to time, and especially after a long rainy season or a long absence of the sun. Many will think of the injury their clothes are liable to from dampness who will never reflect that an occasional exposure of their own bodies to the sunlight is equally necessary to their own health. The sun baths do not cost anything, and that is a misfortune, for people are still deluded with the idea that those things only can be good or useful which cost money. Let it not be forgotten that three of God's most beneficent gifts to man (three things most necessary to good health), sunlight, fresh air and water, are free to all. You can have them in abundance, without money and without price, if you will. If you would enjoy good health then see to it that you are supplied with pure air to breathe all the time, that you bathe for an hour or so in the sunlight and that you drink plenty of pure water.—Pittsburg Press.

The Voltaire of the East.

Omar Khayyam was a famous Persian poet and mathematician in the twelfth century, who was employed by the Sultan Malik Shah in revising the astronomical tables and in making a thorough reform of the calendar. He is better known to us as the writer of some 500 epigrams in verses of four lines which are unsurpassed in their pure diction, fine wit and crushing satire. These clever and fascinating quatrains were put into English by Edward Fitzgerald, who in 1859 published "The Rubaiyat of Omar," a rendering marked by exquisite melodiousness and by poetic insight and power. Omar has been called the Voltaire of the east because of his brilliant and pungent wit, while his depth of tenderness and profound thought and his denunciation of the fate which dooms to decay and death what is best and most beautiful in the world reveals much that reminds one of Byron, Swinburne and sometimes Schopenhauer.

Crystal Sky Columns.

An explanation of a curious optical phenomenon, sometimes witnessed on frosty nights, which is called the "pseudo aurora," is offered by a scientist. The phenomenon takes the form of beautiful columns of silvery light standing over electric arc lamps and other bright lights and sometimes appearing almost to reach the zenith. The scientist says that sometimes the evening star has a bright shaft below as well as above, while the rising moon stands in a broad column of light. These appearances are due to floating frost crystals which keep their reflecting faces horizontal. On examination he found that the crystals concerned in the exhibition were thin six sided plates of ice, never more than one millimeter in diameter. When the wind blows, these little plates are upset, and the columns of light caused by reflection from their surfaces disappear.

Greatest of All Cacti.

The greatest as well as the commonest of all cacti is the "soap weed," which grows wherever cacti grow and which is man's only friend in the great southwestern deserts of the United States and in Mexico. It furnishes always a quantity of water when cut. As its name indicates, it can be manufactured into a soap, perhaps the least alkaline soap ever made, even though the weed itself may grow in the center of an alkali desert. Beer is brewed from it, the Indians make a hemplike fiber from it, and horses and men can eat parts of it if the spines are cut away; also when it shoots up its one great arm skyward it tops that arm with one of the most gorgeous flowers in the world.—Argonaut.

New England Arguments.

To argue is as necessary to a New Englander as to eat and to sleep. By nature he rejoices in the opposite side of every question, and he prefers broad, general questions of which he knows only what the daily paper tells him. If he is alone he will argue with himself, and often he will prove to himself that he is wrong and that the argument by which he proves it is faulty.—From "The Balance of Power," by Arthur Goodrich.

Information For the Young.

"Pa, what do they call babies where there's three of them at a time—I mean the same as twins?"

"Triplets."

"Oh, yes. I couldn't think what it was. And what is it when there's four of them?"

"A calamity. Now, put that pup out of the house and keep him out or I'll send for the dog catcher!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Splendid Gain.

Hobson—How did you enjoy your summer trip, Bagley? Bagley—Had a delightful time; gained 130 pounds. Hobson—One hundred and thirty pounds! I don't believe it! Bagley—Don't you? Well, here it comes down the street. Just wait a momnt, and I'll introduce you.

Overheard In the Art Gallery.

They were making the usual round of exhibitions.

"Oh," he exclaimed, "do look at that beautiful Apollo Belvedere!"

"Sh!" she returned. "Don't say 'dear' so loud. Everybody'll know we're just married."—Judge.

Not Finding Fault.

"So you never find fault with your wife's cooking?"

"I should say not," answered Mr. Meekton. "When my wife condescends to cook I say everything I can to encourage her."—Washington Star.

IDEAL XMAS GIFTS

This Store is Literally Packed with a GREAT VARIETY of the Useful Kind of Christmas Presents, Not the Ordinary TRIVIAL and PERISHABLE Things that Soon Wear Out, but the Kind that Provide a Daily Pleasure and is a Constant Reminder of the Giver.

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Why not Solve the Perplexing Problem Early of what to Get for

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Surely nothing could be more acceptable than one of our

MORRIS CHAIRS FOR A GENTLEMAN

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SIDEBOARD, CHINA CABINET, PARLOR SUIT, PARLOR OR LIBRARY TABLE, LEATHER COUCH, POLISHED ROCKER.

In fact anything necessary for the Furnishing of the Home both useful and ornamental can be found in our Big stock. The time is growing short, make your selections now and get the Pick.

We Store Without Charge and Deliver at your Pleasure.

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24,250 Florida Oranges, $1.50 per hundred
6,725 C. C. Nuts, 5c size.
4,250 C. C. Nuts, 10c size.
4,175 Pound Mixed Nuts.
5,748 Pounds Evaporated Apples.
94 Barrels Ben Davis Apples.
29 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
27 Tubs Creamery Butter.
19 Pails Renovated Butter
61 Cream Cheese.
21 Cases Penny Candy.
97 Cases Eureka Peanut Candy.
3,700 Pounds Fancy Candy.

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dec. 13-tf

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For your Xmas Suits, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishings. Latest Stlyes and Lowest Prices
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Ladies' Comfort Shoes

$1.50, $2.00, $2.50.

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SPECIAL SALE
TO-DAY
AT THE
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Dressed Goose, Chickens, Quail, Ducks, Beef, Lamb, Veal, Sausage, Smoked Tongue, Liver Pudding, Celery, Tomatoes, and Oranges

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Our Christmas stock is here and our Christmas trade is in full blast.

We will appreciate a call.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co
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The Christmas Gift,

That's Always Acceptable—A Box of

Hedleys Delicious Chocolates,

Sold By Their Agents, The

CARL B. REHDER CANDY CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

And all stores that sell good candies.
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NAILS.

We have a solid car of wire nails and nails that are not wire, which are cut.

Our Prices are Cut Too.

BROOKS & TAYLOR.
Phone 478 Wilmington, N. C.
nov. 28, tf.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—It is stated in Fayetteville that Swift & Co., meat packers, will open a branch house there.

—The Department at Washington gives notice that the site for the public building in Fayetteville will be decided on, and the purchase made, on the ninth of January.

—The Rev. I. E. McDavid, has tendered his resignation as pastor of Red Springs and Maxton Baptist churches, having accepted missionary work in the mountains of West Virginia. His people regret to give him up as he is a good pastor and excellent preacher.

—A movement will soon be made in Fayetteville to organize the Cumberland County Historical Society, to act in harmony and connection with the State Historical Society. No town or county is richer in historic lore than Fayetteville and Cumberland.

—The case against Charles S. Peacock, charged with the murder of A. B. Jones, was taken up at Smithfield Monday morning. A venire of 150 men have been summoned. Young Peacock was discharged by Judge H. G. Connor in August on habeas corpus proceedings and was subsequently indicted by the grand jury.

—The distillery of F. M. Pate, located at LeGrange, was siezed by Deputy Collector John E. Cameron Saturday morning. The collector found one 700-gallon copper still; one 300-gallon still; one obiler and engine, pumps, fixtures, etc., and 450 gallons corn whiskey. Non-compliance with internal revenue laws was the cause of the siezure. This is the distillery formerly operated by Noah Fields.

—Goldsboro, Dec. 15.—Our town is evidently infested with thieves. Following the robbery at the residence of Capt. D. J. Broadhurst Thursday night, some one entered the grocery store of Mr. D. B. Privett, on West Walnut street last night between 9 and 10 o'clock and breaking the money drawer, stole something over $6 leaving the drawer on the floor. He then broke into the safe by moving the day combination back—the safe not being locked—and took out all the books bursted open the drawers, and not finding any money, cut up one of the drawers with a knife.

—A correspondent at Elizabethtown writes: The many friends of Mr. John S. Williamson, one of Bladen's most popular and talented citizens will be delighted to learn that he has received the appointment of private secretary to Hon. H. L. Godwin. Our popular Congressman could not have made a wiser selection, as Mr. Williamson is admirably suited for the position and will make an ideal secretary. He has been prominent in politics for the past 20 years, and is one of the leading Democrats of the Cape Fear section, and has always been found in the thick of the fight for the principles of his party. He has served seven years as secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of Bladen, and has rendered the party valuable and effective service on the hustings. A hightoned Christian gentleman, clever, energetic, brave and courageous, no man in the State is more entitled to political honors. We of Bladen, congratulate Congressman Godwin.

—Washington correspondence Raleigh News and Observer: George H. White, the last negro Congressman from North Caronna has come into prominence again as the attorney for the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, who were dishonorably discharged for "shooting up" Brownsville Texas. White who is employed by the Constiutional League of New York, the self-appointed guardian of the negroes in question, is the author of the report on the "Brownsville affair" that was submitted to the President and to Congress, and which has been printed as a public document. The report, which is a memorial to Congress, attempts to prove that the riot was created by whites "partly to gratify a long harbored hatred against the soldiers" or partly to punish their independence in boycotting the town's "Jim Crow" drinking saloons. The document, which is signed by White, parys for a Congressional investigation by a committee empowered to summon and examine witnesses and report remedial legislation.

A Western Wonder.

There is a Hill at Bowie, Tex, that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180 He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 80 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy, druggist. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Big Department Store.

Toys and Fireworks Wholesale and Retailg.

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Stuffed Dates and Figs,

DATES, NUTS AND RAISINS,
OYSTER COCKTAIL,
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HEINZ'S PRESERVES IN THREE AND FIVE POUND CROCKS.
ORANGES AND GRAPE FRUIT,
CELLERY FRESH EVERY FRIDAY.
We Give Southern Trading Stamps.

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Sixty thousand pounds green salted hides; thirty thousand pounds dry hides; ten thousand pounds beeswax; ten thousand mink; five hundred otter; ten thousand raccoon; five thousand skunk; five thousand turkeys; twenty thousand dozen eggs.

Highest market price guaranteed.
We lead, others follow.
Correspondence solicited.
Yours for business.

C. D. GILBERT & BRO.

General Commission Mercrants, No. 215 Market street, Wilmington, N. C.
nov 18-tf.

CAPPS' LUNCH COUNTER

OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE.

J W. Capps has secured the services of Betsie Maloney, a noted cook and extends to the public a cordial welcome to his new lunch counter. His motto: "Ask for Betsie and Get the Best." Everything in and Out of Season.

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ON SPOT---NOT COMING.

Cracked Corn,
Whole Corn,
Best Oats,
Virginia Meal.
Fox River Butter,
Renovated Butter.
Raisins,
Prunes, Peaches.
Lima Beans:
1906 Crop—Just in from California.
Buckwheat, Oatmeal,
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"Tidal Wave" Flour.

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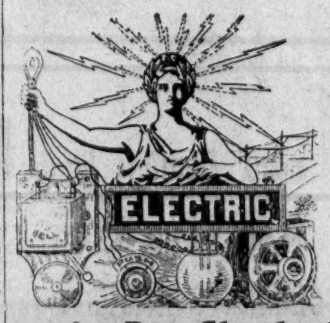

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By having an imperfect system of electricity in your house. It is a peculiar element to deal with, and only experts can handle it properly. We install systems of Electric Bells, with Push Buttons, Electric Lighting, Motor Machinery, Etc., and do everything in connection with Electric work. Our charges are reasonable and our work second to none in thoroughness and efficiency.

We have a complete line of electric and combination fixtures including fancy portables that would make excellent Christmas presents.

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC CO.

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OUR SAVINGS BANK.

Is not restricted in the scope of its patronage. It is broad enough to accommodate all, and

HERE ARE ITS PATRONS:

1—The young folks with their small savings.
2—The bread-winner, striving to accumulate a fund to procure a home, or a competency for old age.
3—The well-to-do, for the convenience afforded and the income provided.
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Your Business is Solicited.

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

OPPOSITE THE ORTON.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice-President. C. E. TAYLOR, JR. Cashier.

dec 14 tf

For Christmas.

When making a selection for a Christmas gift why not go to a Store where you can select something useful? We have Gillette Safety Razors, Ever-Ready Safety Razor Sets, with twelve blades, for $1.00; Corbo-Magnetic Razors, Pocket Knives, Scissors of all sizes, Scissors in Sets, Desk Sets, and Carving Sets, Winchester Single Shot Rifles, Winchester Repeating Rifiel, and a full line of Breech Loading Guns. No trouble to show our goods.

Sloan & Sweeney,

130 and 132 Market St.

dec. 9. tf. 'PHONE 332.

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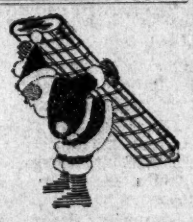

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Ask About the One in a Box Plan

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IT'S IN THE DRAFT.

The secret of the fuel-saving qualities of this Buck's hot blast heater lies in the draft construction. It is so made as to allow large quantities of heated air to pass over the upper surface of the burning coal, thus supplying oxygen to the rising gasses, which are then converted into heating power.

Simple, isn't it? And yet it's new principle in stove building—not to be found elsewhere.

This stove will reduce your coal bill nearly one-third.

Let us tell your of its many advantages.

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Suitable for farm or wagon use.

We have our usual line of seasonable goods:

SEED OATS.
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CAKES AND CRACKERS.
BAGGING AND TIES.
SARDINES.

And a full stock of other groceries always on hand.

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(INCORPORATED)

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We are Daily Receiving Fine

New Rivers and Lynnhaven Bays

Served on half shell, stewed or fried with the best condiments at

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from the cradle up. By name and by trade.

Every garment made to fit and workmanship guaranteed.

Agent for two of the largest concerns in the country.

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Together with this my line of Gents' Furnishings are of the height of fashion. New styles shipped me every week.

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The Tailor.

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Capital	50,000.00
Net Profits	24,312.69
Deposits	626,469.37

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MATT J. HEYER, President. MILTON COLDER, Cashier.
(Southern Building.)
nov 25-tf

XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

One and one third fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip to all points in Southeastern Passenger Territory, and to points on connecting lines east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers including St Louis and intermediate stations. Tickets on sale December 20th to 25th, inclusive, 30th and 31st, 1906, and January 1st, 1907, final limit January 7th, 1907.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.
7th, 1907.

When in Need

—OF—

Buggies, Harness, Wagons, Laprobes and Blankets of All Descriptions,

—SEE—

C. W. MILLS & CO.,

OVER F. T. MILL'S STABLES.

We have the goods and are selling them cheap. Call and see us.

C. W. Mills & Co.

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TURKEYS.

Turkeys and Cranberries for Thanksgiving.

All sorts of fruits, nuts and other dressings for the cake.

Cape Fear Trading Co.,

J. B. TAYLOR, Manager.
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FOR THE SCALP

A LARGE STOCK ON HAND.

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy

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Large stock of Groceries of all kinds at Lowest Market Prices.

Sam'l Bear, Sr., & Sons,

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300 barrals Lehigh Cement.
1,200 sacks Atlas Cement.
450 barrels Lime.
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150,000 Shingles.
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Orders solicited.

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The Jones House.

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Is Now Open for the Patronage of the Public.

Board by the Day, Week or Month.

Special Attention to Travelling Men. Rates, Reasonable.

MRS. J. B. JONES, Prop.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17, 1906.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market nothing doing. Sales after hours 66c.

ROSIN—Market nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $2.35 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $3.35 per barrel for hard, $4.50 for dip and $4.50 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine firm 61 1-2 bid; rosin firm $3.00; tar firm $1.80; crude turpentine firm $2.50, $4.00 & $4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	47
Rosin	343
Tar	227
Crude	100

Receipts same day last year—15 casks spirits turpentine; 76 barrels rosin; 175 barrels tar; 193 barrels crude turpentine.

Market—Steady, 10c.

Same day last year—Nominal.

Receipts 473 bales; same day last year 563 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime $1.10; extra prime $1.15; fancy $1.15@$1.20 per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—Prime 95c; extra prime $1.00; fancy $1.10@$1.20; Spanish $1.00 @ $1.10.

CORN—Firm, 68@70c per bushel for white; 66@68 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 17@18c per pound; shoulders, 12to 13c; sides dull, 11@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 27c.

CHICKENS—Dull 15@25c for small growns 30 @ 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 4c per pound.

HIDES—Dry flint, 14 to 15c; green 9c per pound.

PORK—Corn fed 8@9c.

TURKEYS—Firm, live 16c @ 17c; dressed 20 @ 22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New Yory, Dec., 17.—The cotton market was very quiet today and price fluctuated irregularly within a narrow range. The close was stead at a net decline of 1 to 5 points. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales. The opening was stead at a decline of 6 to 15 points in response to lower cables than expected. There was a scattering demand from shorts and prices rallied to within 2 to 4 points or Saturday night's finals right after the call. There was no aggressive bull support however, and the market eased off again during the morning as a result of the large estimate for tomorrow's receipts at Houston and selling by Wall street. At the decline covering was again a feature and in the afternoon the market ruled generally steady prices working 6 or 7 points up from the lowest. The activity and wide fluctuation of last week appeared to have been accompanied by the evening up of the most of the scattering interest in the market and there was an inclination to wait fresh developments before entering into new commitments particularly in view of the approaching holidays and uncertainty as to the showing of the census report at the end of theweek.

Receipts at the port today 64,487 bales against 64,793 yast week and 45,119 last year. For the week 390,000 bales against 416,161 last week and 241,775 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 23,515 bales against 13,732 last year and at Houston 15,886 bales against 6,473 last year.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 10.55; middling gulf 10.80; sales 2,300.

Futures closed stead with prices ranging as follows:

Month	Open	Close
December	9.24	9.24
January	9.30	9.36
February	9.38	9.47
March	9.54	9.54
April	9.67	9.67
May	9.81	9.76
June	9.81	9.81
July	9.80	9.87
August	9.68	9.70
September	——	——
October	9.45	

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm; 10 1-4; net receipts 19,451.

New Orleans—Firm; 10 1-4; net receipts 23,515.

Mobile—Steady, 10; net receipts 3,035.

Savannah—Easy; 9 3-4; net receipts 10,965.

Charleston—Firm; 9 1-4; net receipts 749.

Wilmington—Steady; 10; net receipts 473.

Norfolk—Steady; 10 3-8; net receipts 2,576.

Baltimore—Nominal; 10 1-2; gross receipts 1,499.

New York—Steady; 10.55; net receipts 111; gross receipts 8,279; sales 2,300; tock 143,444; Great Britain 326.

Boston—Steady; 10.55; net receipts 159.

Philadelphia—Quiet; 10.80; net receipts 59; gross receipts 258.

Total today, at all ports, net 64,487; Great Britain 98; Continent 2,384; Japan 3,396; stock 1,236,093.

Consolidated, at all ports, net 128,721; Great Britain 48,215; France 8,143; Continent 43,470; Japan 3,396.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, net 5,244,917; Great Britain 1,576,445; France 442,375; Continent 1,461,405; Japan 69,844.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady; 1-4; net receipts 15,886.

Augusta—Steady; 10 1-2; net receipts 1,378.

Memphis—Quiet; 10 7-16; net receipts 5,415.

St. Louis—Dull; 10 3-4; net receipts 706.

Cincinnati—Firm; 10 9-16.

Total today—Net receipts 24,340; gross receipts 37,673; shipments 34,922; sales 5,860; stock 329,847.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 2 points higher. American middling fair 6.42; good middling 5.90; middling 5.74; low middling 5.56; good ordinary 5.16; ordinary 4.92. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 7,300 American. Receipts 44,000 bales including 38,400 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed easy; American middling G. O. C.: December 5.36; December and January 5.34 1-2; January and February 5.34 1-2; February and March 5.35; March and April 5.36; April and May 5.38 1-2; May and June 5.41; June and July 5.42 1-2; July and August 5.43 1-2; August and September 5.38 1-2; September and October 5.32; October and Nocember 5.26.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—The dry goods market was firm and strong. Fruit of the Loom and Lonsdale sheeting were advanced a cent a yard to-day and immediately afterward was placed at value again. The demand of the goods in the primary houses is large, but goods are scarce. Dress goods have had a large Spring sale and the supplementary business continues larger than anticipated.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Money on call strong 7@20 per cent; ruling rate 11, closing bid and offered 20. Time loans very dull and firm; 60 days 8 to 8 1-2; 90 days 8 bid; six months 6 1-2 bid.

Close: Prime mercantile paper 6@6 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange slightly stronger with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8350@4.8355 for demand and at 4.7815@4.7820 for 60 day bills. Posted rates 4.79@4.80@ and 4.84 1-2@4.85. Commercial bills 4.77 7-8@4.78. Bar silver 69 1-8. Mexican dollars 53 1-2. Government bonds firm. Railroad bonds heady.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg	104 1-4
U. S. Refunding 2s cou	105 1-4
U. S. 3s reg	102 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	102 3-4
U. S. old 4s reg	100 3-4
U. S. Old 4s cou	101 3-4
U. S. New 4s reg	130 1-2
U. S. New 4s cou	130 1-2
American Tobacco Co.'s 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco Co 6s	110
A. C. L.	97 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	101 1-4
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Southern Railway	116
Seaboard Air Line	81 7-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	97 3-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	113 5-8
American Sugar Refining	134
American Tobacco pfd	98
Atlantic Coast Line	135 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	117 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio	56 3-8
L. & N.	146
New York Central	130 1-2
Norfolk & Western	91 1-8
Norfolk & Western pfd	89 1-4
Peoples Gas	96
Reading	144
Reading 1st pfd	88
Reading 2nd pfd	90
Southern Pacific	93 3-8
Southern Pacific pfd	119 5-8
Southern Railway	33 5-8
Southern Railway pfd	91 1-4
Tenn Coal & Iron	157
U. S. Steel	47 7-8
U. S. Steel pfd	104 1-4
Va-Car Shemical	37 1-2
Va-Car Chemical pfd	107
Seaboard Air Line	—
Seaboard Air Line pfd	—
Standard Oil	535
Western Union	85 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MAPKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Flour steady but quiet.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

WHEAT—Spot steady. No. 2 red 78 1-2 elevator. Options showed 1-8 to 3-8 net advance. No. 2 red May 84 1-4 July 83 1-2; December 80 1-2.

CORN—Steady; No. unchanged. January 51 1-2; February 50 1-2.

OATS—Spot steady. Mixed 35@35 1-2.

LARD—Quiet. Western prime 9.85 @9.05 nominal. Refined quiet.

PORK—Steady.

TALLOW—Steady.

RICE Steady.

MOLASSES—Steady.

COFFEE—Spot Rio steady. No. 7 invonce 7; mild firm; Cordova 9@12 1-2. Futures 10 points higher.

SUGAR—Raw steady. Fair refining 3 5-16@3 11-32; centrifugal 96 test 3 13-16@3 27-32; molasses sugar 3 1-16@3 3-32; refined steady.

BUTTER—Frm. Creamery 23@32; State dairy 20@30.

CHEESE—Firm. Full cream 11@14 1-2; skims 2 1-2@11.

EGGS—Steady. Nearby selected 40 western firsts 30.

PEANUTS—Quiet. Fancy hand picked 6; other domestic 5 1-4@6 3-4.

COTTON BY STEAM—To Liverpool 17c.

POTATOES—Weak. Bermuda per barrels $3@$5.50; Maine per baag 1.50@1.60; Long Island per barrels 1.50@1.75; Jersep State and Western 1.25@1.45; Sweets, Jersey, per barrel 1.25@2.25; Southern 1.00@1.50.

CABBAGES—Steady. White Danish seed per ton $12@15; domestic $8@16.

COTTON SEED OIL—Barely steady with a moderate trade. Prime crude fob mills 37; prime summer yellow 42; prime white nominal; prime winter yellow nominal.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

Chicago, Dec., 17.—An unexpectedly large increase in the visible supply off set today's reports of the shortage in the Russian wheat crop and caused a steady close in the local market. May wheat was up a shade over the final quotation of Saturday. Corn was also up a shade. Oats were 1-8 higher. Provisions were a shade lower to 2 1-2 higher.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	High	Low	Close
Wheat			
Dec.	74 1-8	73 3-4	73 7-8
May	78 3-4	78 1-4	78 1-4
Corn:			
Dec	41 1-2	40 7-8	41 1-4
May	43 5-8	43 1-4	43 3-8
July	44	43 3-4	43 7-8
Oats:			
Dec	36 1-4	33 7-8	34 1-8
May	36 1-4	35 7-8	36 1-8
July	33 7-8	33 1-2	33 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.:			
Jan	16.10	15.90	15.90
May	16.47 1-2	16.27 1-2	16.30
Lard, per 100 lbs.:			
Dec	8.75	8.70	8.70
Jan	8.80	8.82 1-2	8.75
May	8.92 1-2	8.82 1-2	8.85
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:			
Jan	8.60	8.50	8.50
May	8.80	8.70	8.70

Flour steady; No. 2 Spring wheat 80; No. 3 75@82; No. 2 red 73 3-4@74 1-8; No. 2 corn 44 1-2; No. 2 oats 34 1-8; No. 2white 36 3-4; No. 3 white 34@36; No. 2 rye 64@65; prime Timothy seed 4.35@4.50; short ribs, sides (loose) 8.22@8.60; mess pork per bbl. 14.75; lard per 100 lbs. 8.75; short clear sides (boxed) 9.00@9.25; whiskey basis of High Wines 1.29.

NAVAL STORES

New York, Dec. 17.—Turpentine steady 70 to 70 1-2; rosin steady.

Savannah, Dec. 17.—Turpentine firm; sales 317; receipts 316; shipments 76. Rosin firm; sales 2,191; receipts 2,432; shipments 705; stock 79,192.

Quote: A B C D 4.00; E 4.05; F 4.05@4.07; G 4.05@4.10; H 4.10@4.15; I 4.40; K 5.15; M 5.50; N 6.00; WG 6.75; WW 6.95.

Charleston, Dec. 17.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. Steamer Labuan, 2,294 tons, Ross, Boston via Norfolk, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Frostburg, Hall, Baltimore, Walter Smallbones.

Str. Carib, Ingram, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

CLEARED.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—134 bales cotton; 18 bbls. tar; 11 bbls. crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—16 casks spirits turpentine; 4 bbls. tar; 11 bbls. crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—165 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 70 bbls rosin; 44 bbls. tar; 60 bbls. crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—149 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 51 bbls. rosin.

W. & N. Railroad—2 casks spirits turpentine; 12 bbls rosin.

Str. Whitlock—15 casks spirits turpentine; 125 bbls rosin; 32 bbls. tar.

Str. City of Fayettevilee—9 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 37 bbls rosin; 129 bbls tar; 18 bbls crude turpentine.

Str. Compton—16 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 48 bbls rosin.

Total—473 bales cotton; 47 casks spirits turpentine; 343 bbls rosin; 227 bbls. tar; 100 bbls. crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Petunia Br) 1,093 tons, Gleg, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Arion (Br) 1,823 tons, Webster, Heide & Co.

Calliope, 2,498 tons, Dunning, Heide & Co.

Gorsemore, (Br) 1,980 tons, Walker Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Labuan (Br) 2,294 tons, Ross, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Barques.

Linnea, (Nor) 585 tons, Teljesen, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Perry Setzer, 1,268 tons, Blake, C. D. Maffitt.

Admiral, (Br) 83 tons, Pierce, Tarpun Bay, C. D. Maffitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Tickling Human Vanity.

Few people realize how profitable the trade of tickling human vanity is and how many different forms it employs. There are obscure newspapers and nominal magazines that live by it and provide good incomes for their editors. It is quite common to find upon center tables luxuriously bound and printed volumes whose contents consist entirely of fulsome puffs. Each profession, trade, avocation and association has its library of memorabilia of persons of the kind who, in Lowell's phrase, were created to fill up the world. The writer remembers seeing in the "best room" of a remote farmhouse a morocco bound, gild edged volume upon the notabilities of the country, which contained a biography and engraved portrait of rusticus horribilis himself. The original volunteered the information that his niche in the local pantheon had cost him a sum, which, on later conversation, was disclosed to be larger than a year's interest on the mortgage encumbering the farm.—Wilbur Larremore in Atlantic.

The Dramatic Flavor of Wall Street.

It is the speculative side of Wall street that most appeals to the imagination. If we were dealing with that side of Wall street we should not lack for authenticated cases of high dramatic flavor, as, for example, that of a youth of eighteen who ran $2 into a fortune of $200,000 in a few months and was last heard of trying to pawn his wife's engagement ring for $25; or that of the farmer who made several millions of dollars from a very modest beginning, slipped a check for $300,000 under the breakfast plate of each member of his family one morning, tore the checks up because within an hour the riches had become a matter of domestic strife and was last heard of when one day he brought a load of hay across the ferry from Staten Island to New York and begged his brokers to take it in lieu of margins for one more "trade."—Success Magazine.

A Tree of Many Powers.

The ash tree is rich with superstition. The old charlatans of the middle ages used it in their love potions, and the damsels of ancient times believed that it would enable them to make their sweethearts true and help them to discover their future husbands. The inhabitants of Iceland still look with dread upon the use of mountain ash as fuel. Their belief that it will make enemies of all who gather round a hearthstone on which it burns is deep seated and was once almost universal in Europe.

Superstitious seekers after good luck may still be found invoking the spirit of the even leaved ash, after the manner of the ancient tree worshipers, with the verses:

Even ash, I do pluck thee,
Hoping thus to meet good luck;
If no luck I get from thee
I shall wish thee on a tree.

The Philosopher's Sport.

A balloon trip gives one a sense of utter and complete stillness and also a beautifully serene feeling of aloofness from men and tiresome matters, a contempt for the puniness of earth and an unbounded sense of sociability and camaraderie with those with whom one is basketed aloft in those few square feet of wicker. It is a philosopher's joy, ballooning, the sport of the scientific, and the idea that it provides a new thrill or curdles the blood of jaded and sinful butterflies may be good enough for the halfpenny press, but not for the wiseacres of the Aero club.—Bystander.

Lucky Horseshoes.

There is a right way and a wrong in the picking up of a horseshoe. I was walking with a country bred boy along a Somerset lane and saw one lying in the crumbling summer rut. "There is a horseshoe," said I. The lad sprang forward, but stopped suddenly before his fingers touched the iron. "But I won't pick it up," said he, "or I shall spoil your luck." It may perhaps have been only a point of etiquette, but he assured me that a horseshoe of my finding could bring luck neither to him nor to me if he touched it before me.—London Standard.

Which Was It?

The governor was puzzled. "Look here," he said, turning to his private secretary. "Can you tell me whether this note comes from my tailor or my legal adviser? They're both named Brown."

The note was as follows:

I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thursday. Come in. BROWN.

—Toledo Blade.

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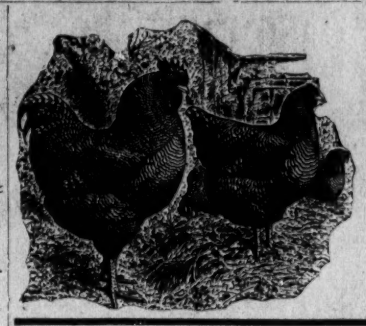

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Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c
Mufflers	$1.00 to $2.00
Gloves—of wool	25c to 75c
Gloves of skin	$1.00 to $2.25
Suspenders	25c to $1.00
Half Hose	15c to $1.00
Pajamas	$1.00 to $2.00
Night Shirts	50c to $1.25
Cuff Buttons	25c to $1.50
Scarf Pins	50c to $1.25
Umbrellas	$1.00 to $6.00
Suit Cases	$1.25 to $15,00
Traveling Bags	$1.00 to $12.00

FOR BOYS.

Sweaters	50c to $1.50
Gloves	25c to 75c
Suits	$1.50 to $6.50
Raincoats	$5.50 to $12.00
Shirts	50c to $1.00

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LIABILITIES.

	Sept 4,1906	Nov. 12, 1906
Capital	$ 200,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, net	111,105.74	115,527.68
Circulation	200,000.00	200,000.00
Rediscounts	18,500.00	none
Deposits	574,793.74	881,519.73
	$1,104,399.48	$1,397,047.41

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$ 468,251.50	$ 506,795.15
Overdrafts	782.16	907.18
United States Bonds and Premiums	259,296.88	259,296.88
Furniture and Fixtures	5,929.29	5,929.29
Cash, and Due From Other Banks	370,139.65	624,118.91
	$1,104,399.48	$1,397,047.41

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BLAME FIXED FOR GREAT WRECK

Block Operator Mattox Responsible for Collision at Lawyer's, Va. Thanksgiving Day

HE FAILED TO DO HIS DUTY

Violated Three Rules Any One of Which Would Have Saved President's Train—Failed at Decisive Moment.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—The official investigation of the Southern Railway into the rear end collision which occurred at Lawyer's, Va., on last Thanksgiving Day, and in which President Spencer, of the Southern and six others, including a number of prominent people lost their lives, has been concluded and the responsibility for the wreck placed on G. D. Mattox, block operator at Rangoon station, Virginia. General Counsel A. P. Thom of the railroad to-day issued the following statement announcing the official conclusions:

"Mr. Thom, of the Southern Railway, who has, with other officials of the road, been engaged in the investigation of the rear end collision, which occurred near Rangoon station, on Thanksgiving morning, and in which President Spencer and a number of others lost their lives, was asked to-day whether any conclusion had been reached as to the cause of the accident.

He replied "Yes. Train No. 33, bound south with Mr. Spencer's car, No. 100, on the rear end, had, by the block operator at Rangoon station, G. D. Mattox, been let into the block between Rangoon and the next vlock station to the south, known as Lawyer's, and, before the block was cleared of that train Mattox also let into the same block train first No. 37, which, not knowing in time that train No. 33 was in the block, ran into it and caused the catastrophe.

"After passing Rangoon that morning No. 33, which besides the engine and tender, consisted of a postal car and express car, a combined baggage cars and the president's car, No. 100 coach, a first clas car., two sleeping cars and the President's car, No. 100 (here named in the order from the engine) at a point something over a mile from Rangoon station, separated into two parts because of the parting of a coupling between the express car and the combined car.

"The emergency brakes were at once applied automatically on both sections of the parted train, as intended in case of just such contingencies, and both sections were stopped.

"Under these circumstances, if the rules of the company had been obeyed no other train could have passed Rangoon or entered the block in which this disabled train was.

"The undisputed testimony shows that no less than three different rules of the company were violated by Mattox, the operator at Rangoon, the observance of any one of which would have prevented the accident.

"One of the rules (Rule 118) provided as follows: 'When a train enters the block the signal man must give "O S" and the time to the next block station in advance and when the train has passed the home block and the signal man has seen the markers, he must display the stop signal, and when the rear end of the train has passed 400 feet beyond the home block signal he must give "BC" (block of ——) and the time to the next block station in the rear.

"This information must be entered on the block records. The operator at Lawyer's did not give this information to Mattox, the operator at Rangoon, as to train No. 33.

"Mattox, therefore, not having regard to the movements of train No. 33, violated this rule in regarding the block as clear of that train before letttng the follwoing train known as first 37.

"His excuse is that the operator at Lawyer's did not report train No. 33 as "by" Lawyer's, but failed to give him the time it passed, as required by the rule. There is some confusion in his testimony as to whether this occurred before first 37 passed Rangoon or just afterwards, but the operator at Lawyer's emphatically denies that he sent any such message as claimed by Mattox and declares that Mattox had never informed him that train No. 33 wanted the block or had entered it.

"While there exists this conflict of evidence, Operator Mattox, in his own statement, admits that he did not receive from the operartor at Lawyer's the time train No. 33 passed out of the block at Lawyer's and excuses his failure to secure this information by the statement that after the operator at Lawyer's had informed him that No. 33 was "by" the operator at Lawyer's abruptly opened the key and he, Mattox, could not communicate with him.

"Under these circumstances the following from Rule 134 apples:

"'If from the failure of a telegraph line or other cause, a signal man is unable to communicate with the next block station in advance (which in this case was Lawyer's) he must stop every train approaching in that direction and obtain permission from the train dispatcher before allowing it to proceed.'

"Mattox's plain duty was, therefore, to stop first 37 at Rangoon and not let it enter the block. He admits that this was his duty and that he did not perform it. If he had, the accident could not have happened."

LAND LAWS AID LAND GRABBERS

President Roosevelt Says They Turn Over Timber Lands to Corporations.

PROMPT ACTION NECESSARY

Enormous Harm Being Done—Desert Land Act Also Results in Frequent Frauds Against Government—Need Amendments

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec., 17.—President Roosevelt today sent to Congress a message on the subject of the public lands. It was in part as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"PUBLIC LAND LAWS—The developments of the past year emphasizes with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to recast the public land law and adopt them to the actual situation. The timber and stone act has demonstrated conclusively that its effect is to turn over the public timber lands to great corporations. It has done enormous harm, it is no longer needed, and it should be repealed.

"The desert land act results so frequently in fraud and so comparatively seldom in making homes on the land that it demands radical amendments. That provision which permits assignment before patent should be repealed, and the entrymen should be required to live for not less than two years at home on the land before patent issues. Otherwise the desert land law will continue to assist speculators and other large holders to get control of land and water on the public domain by indefensible means. The commutation clause of the homestead act, in a majority of cases, defeats the purpose of the homestead act itself, which is to facilitate settlement and create homes. In theory the commutation clause should assist the honest settler and doubtless in some cases does so. Far more often, it supplies the means by which speculators and loan and mortgage companies, secure possession of the land. Actual—not constructive—living at home on the land for three years should be required before commutation, unless it should appear wiser to repeal the commutation clause altogether. These matters are more fully discussed in the report of the public lands commission, to which I again call your attention.

"I am gravely concerned at the expublic laws and at the prevailance of fraud under their present provisions. For much of this fraud the present laws are chiefly responsible. There is but one way by which the fraudulent acquisition of these lands can be definitely stopped, and, therefore, I have directed the Secretary of the Interior to allow no patent to be issued to public land under any lay until by an examination on the ground actual compliance with that law has been found to exist.

"It is a scandal to amintain laws, which sound well, but which make fraud the key, without which great natural resources must remain closed.'

The message then says the boundaries of the national forest reserves unavoidably included variable timber lands not owned by the government, among them railroad land grants. Legislation is requested which will permit of some arrangement by which the private lands within the reserves may be grouped.

"It s recommended that the secretary of the Treasury be authorzed to advance to the forest service, upon the security of the standing timber, something like $5,000,000 to provide a working capital to meet the needs of the forest service.

Legislation is recommended giving government control over the public range through the Agricultural Department. The message concludes:

"Reasonable fencing, which promotes the use of the range and yet interferes with neither the settlement nor with other range objects will be thoroughly desirable if it were legal. Yet the law forbids it and the law might and will be enforced; I will see to it that the illegal fences are removed unless Congress at the present session takes steps to legalize proper fencing by government control of the range.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

White House, Dec. 17, 1906.

YOUNGER MEN FOR THE NAVY

President Roosevelt Again Urges Radical Change By Congress in This Respect.

OLD LAWS FAVOR MEDIOCRITY

Old Commanders in Command of First Class Fighting Machines Are Grievously Handicapped—May Be Our Ruin.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Congress today received a message from President Roosevelt on the subject of the personnel of the Navy, which in part is as follows:

"In my last three annual messages I have invited the attention of the Congress to the urgent necessity of such legislation as will cause officers of the line of the navy to reach the grades of captain and rear admiral at less advanced ages and will give them more experience and training in the important duties of those grades. Under the present archaic system of promotion, without parallel in the navy of any other first class power, captains are commissioned at the average age of 56 years and rear admirals at the average age of 60. This system is the result of long-continued prejudice in favor of a method of promotion by which all lieutenants by order or seniority pass through the several grades until they actually become rear admirals, a method which sacrifices the good of the service to the interest of individual mediocricy. As a direct consequence of existing methods naval officers obtain more than ample service in subordinate positions, but have a limited and inadequate experience as captains in command of battleships and as flag officers in charge of fleets and squadrons; that is, in the very position of greatest responsibility, where experience, skill and initiative are essential to efficiency. Moreover, they attain the position of flag officer but a few months before they reach the retiring age and have no opportunity to perfect themselves in the important duties of the high commands pertaining to such rank. History, modern and ancient, has invariably shown that an efficient personnel is the greatest factor toward an effective navy. No matter how well equipped in other respects a navy may be, its fleet may be composed of powerful high speed battleships maneuvered by complicated tactics based upon the latest development of naval science, yet it is grievously handicapped if directed by Admirals and captains who lack experience in their duties and who are hampered by long experience of independent action and responsibility. To oppose such a fleet to one equally good, led by officers more active and more experienced in their duties, is to invite disaster.

Referring to a table giving the ages at which naval officers of some of the big powers attain the rank of captain and rear admiral, the President says the facts shown are startling and he invites attention to them. The President recommends consideration of the bill prepared by the Navy Department accompanying his message, which, he says, if enacted, will cause officers of the sea-going class to reach the grade of captain at 40 and rear admiral at 55. The bill, he also says, provides for the rank of vice admiral, adding that the commander in chief of the fleet with rear admirals under him, is entitled to the higher rank. In concluding the message says:

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